サイボーグ
CYBORG
009
5

Shotaro Ishinomori

GET READY.

WHAT THE..?

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HUH?

GET 'EM GUYS!

SWAK

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EEK!

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BADDA BADDA

STAND DOWN, 004.

LEAVE IT TO ME.

BADDA BADDA

I'M OPEN TO ANY IDEAS RIGHT NOW.

PTT PTT

BUT, WE CAN'T FORGET DR. GILMORE'S ORDERS.

WE COULD EASILY TAKE THEM OUT.

UNDER-STOOD!

OUR ONLY ENEMY IS BLACK GHOST.

WE SHOULDN'T BRING ANY HARM TO THE GOV-ERNMENT OR THE VIET CONG.

WHY CAN'T WE FINISH THEM?!

BAH! WE'VE GOT THEM VASTLY OUT-NUMBERED!

THEY'VE GOT US PINNED DOWN WITH GUNFIRE!

NOT YET.

GET BEHIND THEM!! FLUSH 'EM THIS WAY!

SO WHAT?! WE'VE BEAT SPECIAL FORCES BEFORE.

I'VE BEEN WATCHING THEM. THEY'RE FAR TOO ADVANCED TO BE NORMAL SOLDIERS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS. WE CAN'T RISK IT.

I'M THE COM-MANDER HERE!

NO YOU WON'T!

FORGET IT! I'LL DEAL WITH THEM MYSELF.

THEY'RE NOT HUMAN.

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND.

..WHILE WE DIG YOUR GRAVE.

WE'LL SEE HOW FAR YOUR PRIDE GETS YOU...

GO AHEAD.

YOU THINK I HAVE NO PRIDE?

THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET THREE MEN GET THE BETTER OF ME.

IF ANYONE'S GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS, IT'LL BE ME!

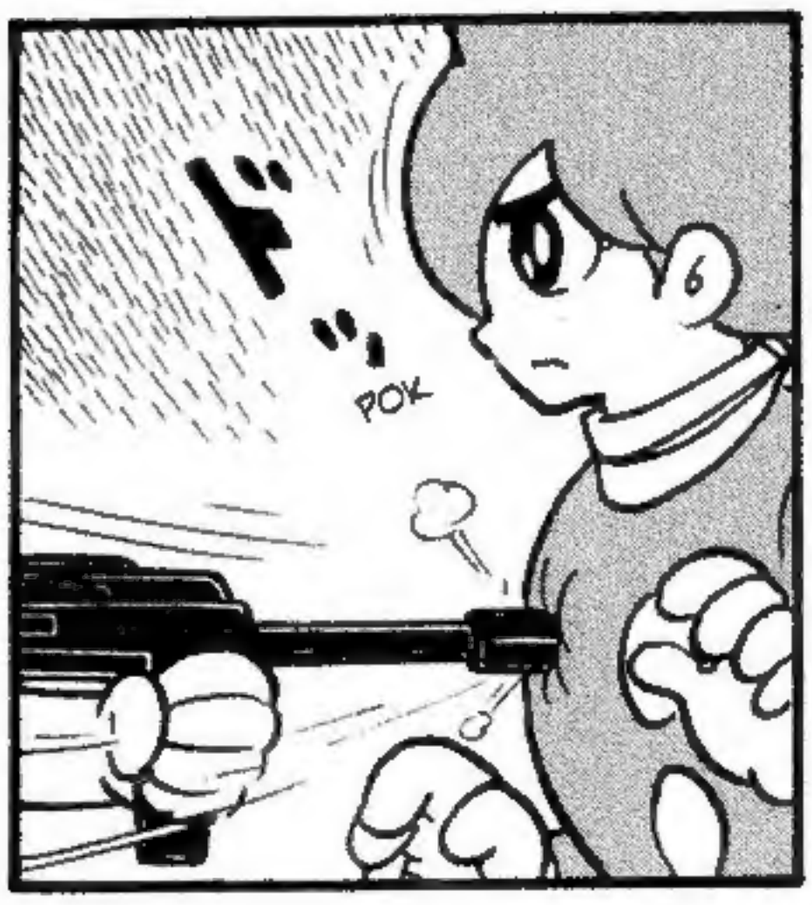
MOVE OUT, MEN!

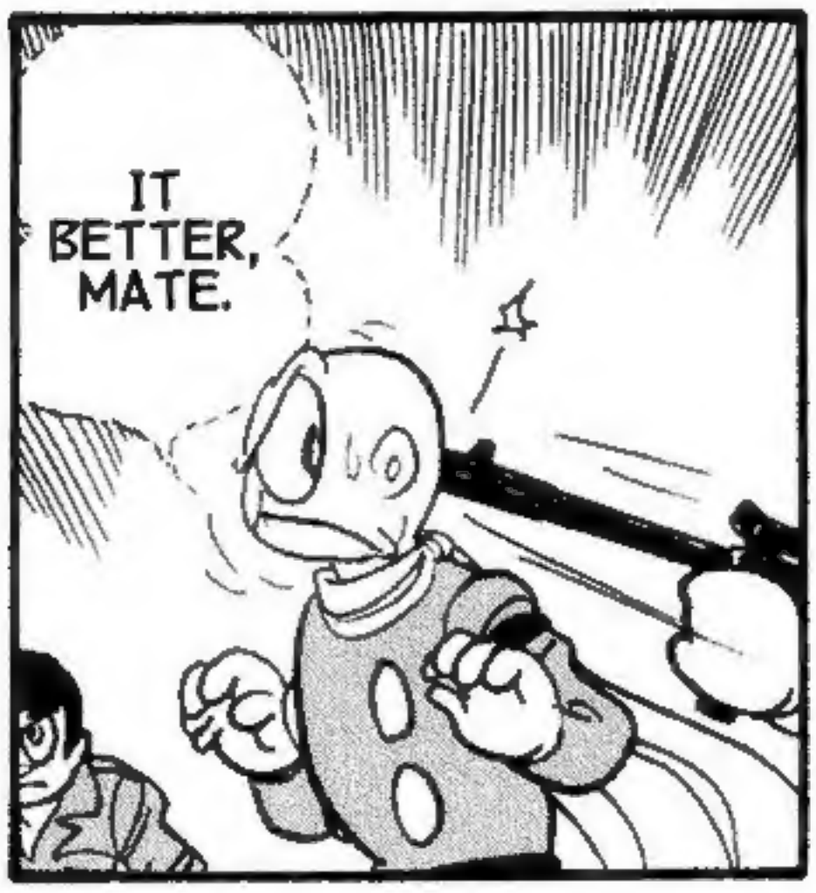
I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.

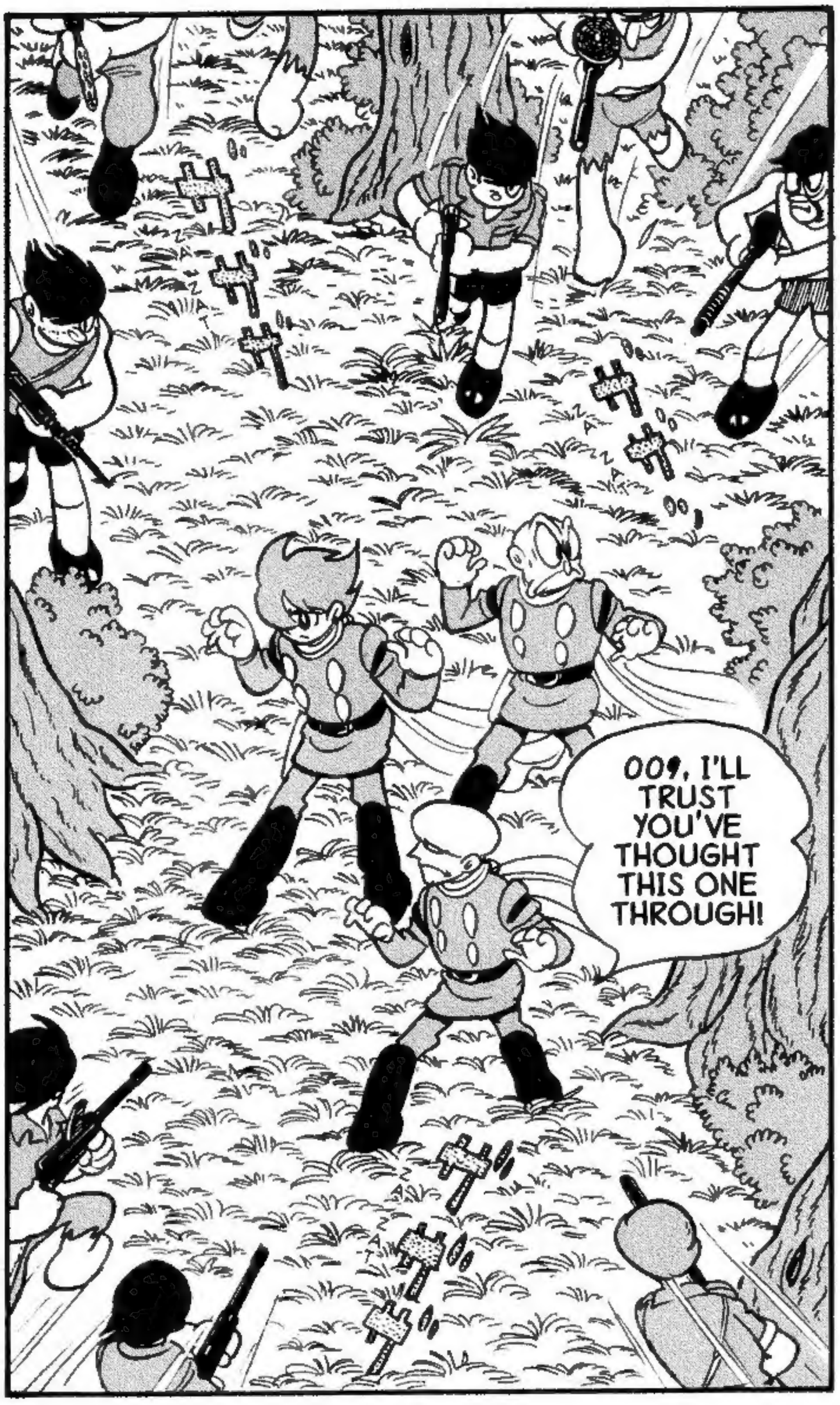
ARE YOU MENTAL?

LET THEM TAKE US.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?







With this device, Cyborgs can communicate over long distances without being overheard and with little fear of transmission interception.

*009 and the other Cyborgs are communicating via electromagnetic brain waves transmitted by a device installed in their brains.

JUST DO IT.

WHY YOU...!

DROP YOUR WEA-PONS.

DON'T WORRY. WE'LL HAVE THEM BACK IN NO TIME.

WE GOT 'EM.

ALL CLEAR!

COM-MANDER! WE'VE GOT 'EM.

...TOO EASY. I WONDER IF...

IT WAS FAR...

WE'LL SEE.

HEH HEH HEH!

YOU GIVE THEM FAR TOO MUCH CREDIT. THEY'VE SURRENDERED!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE TANK.

COMMANDER! DON'T LET THEM GET TOO CLOSE!

COMMAN-DER! THE PRISONERS, AS YOU RE-QUESTED.

GOOD.

HMM.

OKAY, SO DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHO YOU'RE WITH NOW...

...OR DO I GET TO BEAT IT OUT OF YOU?

WE WERE JUST PASSING THROUGH, SIR. REALLY.

START TALKING NOW, OR I WILL EXECUTE YOU!

WHAP

LIAR!

UGH!

NO!

BANG

TELL ME WHO SENT YOU BEFORE YOU WIND UP LIKE YOUR FRIEND!

WOULD EITHER OF YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CONVERSATION?

THE COMMANDER IS SO CONFIDENT. BUT THE MAN IN BLACK SUSPECTS SOMETHING.

NO ONE?

BANG

TMP

THUD

HUH?

PWP

YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO FOOL THESE ROUGHNECKS, BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME.

SCHEISSE!

I HAD A FEELING THE LOT OF YOU WERE CYBORGS.

KEEP IT DOWN, FELLAS. I HAVE AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC TRANSMISSION DEVICE TOO.

?

?

DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

WHAT NUMBER ARE YOU?

CYBORGMAN NUMBER EIGHT. TOP OF THE LINE.

YOU'RE A CYBORG?

I SUPPOSED THE BLACK GHOST MADE YOU TOO.

WHAT?! YOU'RE THE TRAITORS!

WE'RE PART OF THE *00* TEAM.

DID THE GOVERNMENT SEND YOU?

NO.

AH!!

TAKE COVER!!

AIR RAID!

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GAA

ENEMY PLANES!

GO!

NOW!

CHAK

BJN ゴゥ

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BJN ゴゥ

HUH?

PANG

SHP

VOOM

VOOM

UH!

RUN!

WAH

WAH

WAH

WAH

WE CAN'T LET THE TANK GO.

00?! IT'S TIME TO ATTACK!

CATCH, JOE!

RIGHT 'ERE, BOYS!!

GRAB OUR WEA-PONS!

GASHAK

CHAK

BADDA

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RIGHT!

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IF WE BLOW THE TANK, THOSE VIET CONG SOLDIERS COULD DIE IN THE EXPLOSION.

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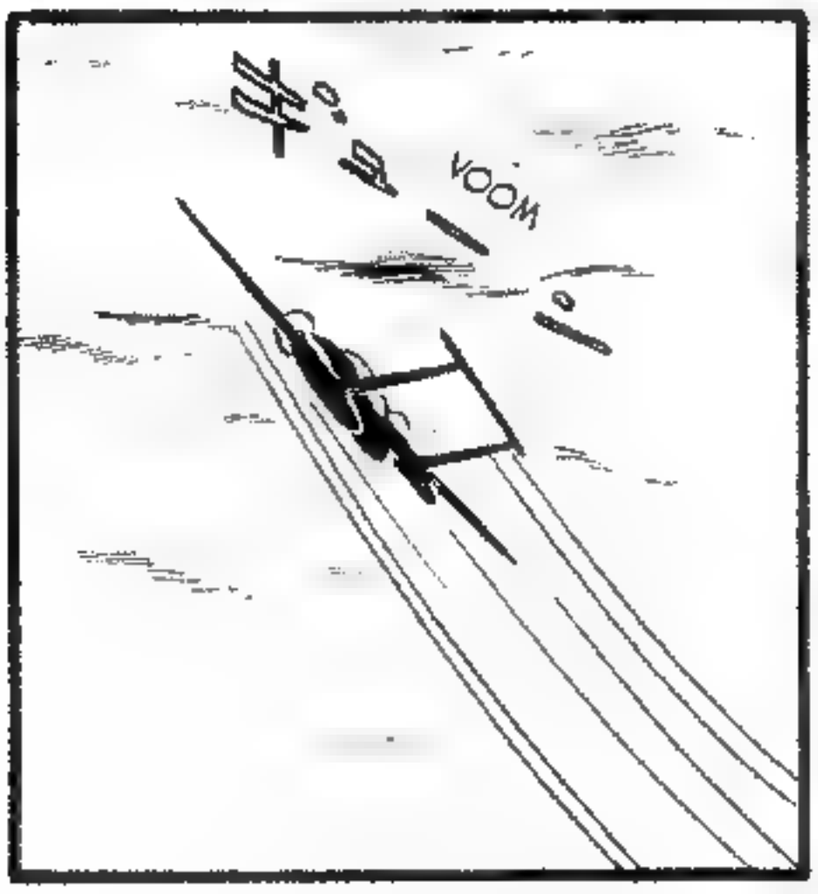
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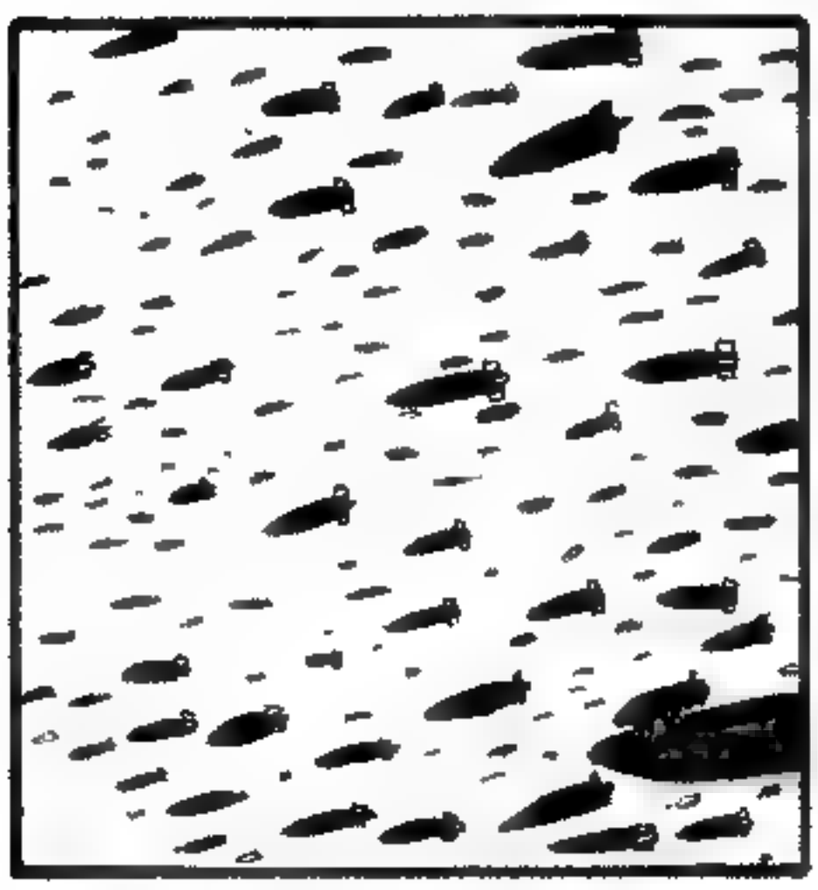

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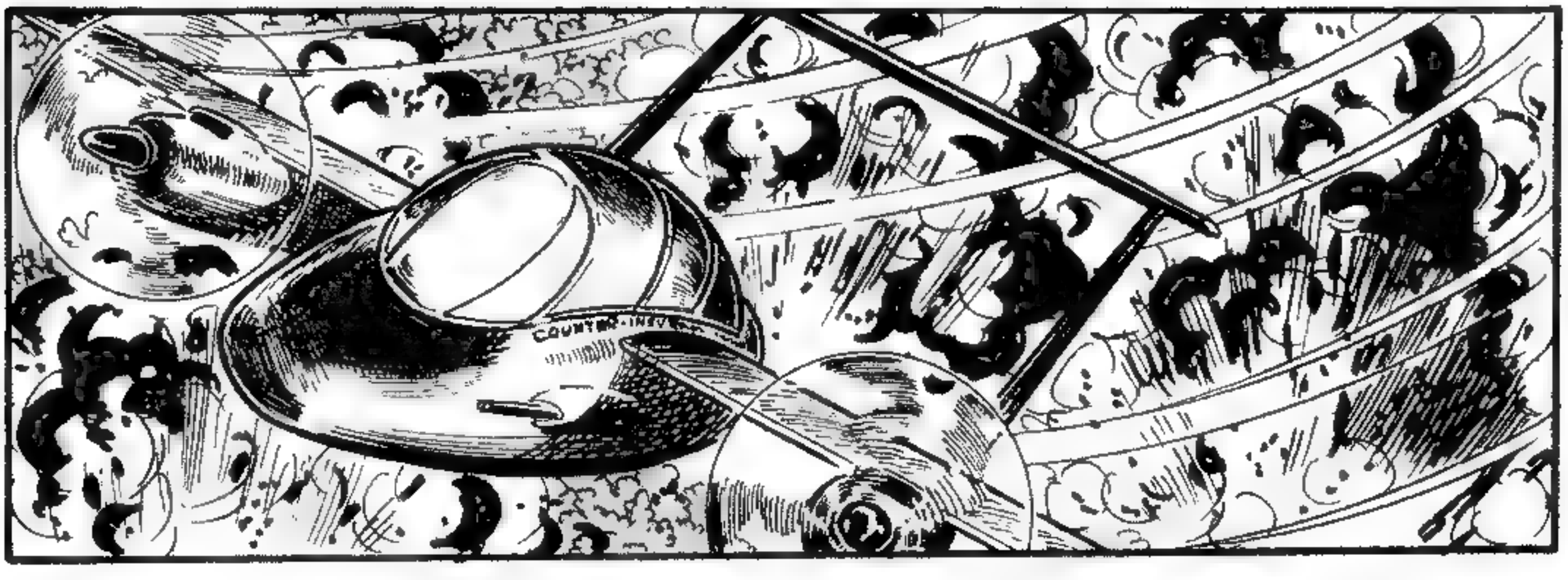
BOOM



VOOM

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

GAA!

THE ATTACK CAME SO FAST.

WELL, I'M ALIVE, I GUESS.

004! 007! YOU GUYS OKAY?

WHUMP

U...
UH...

WHUM

M-MAMA!

THESE ARE VIET CONG, 009.

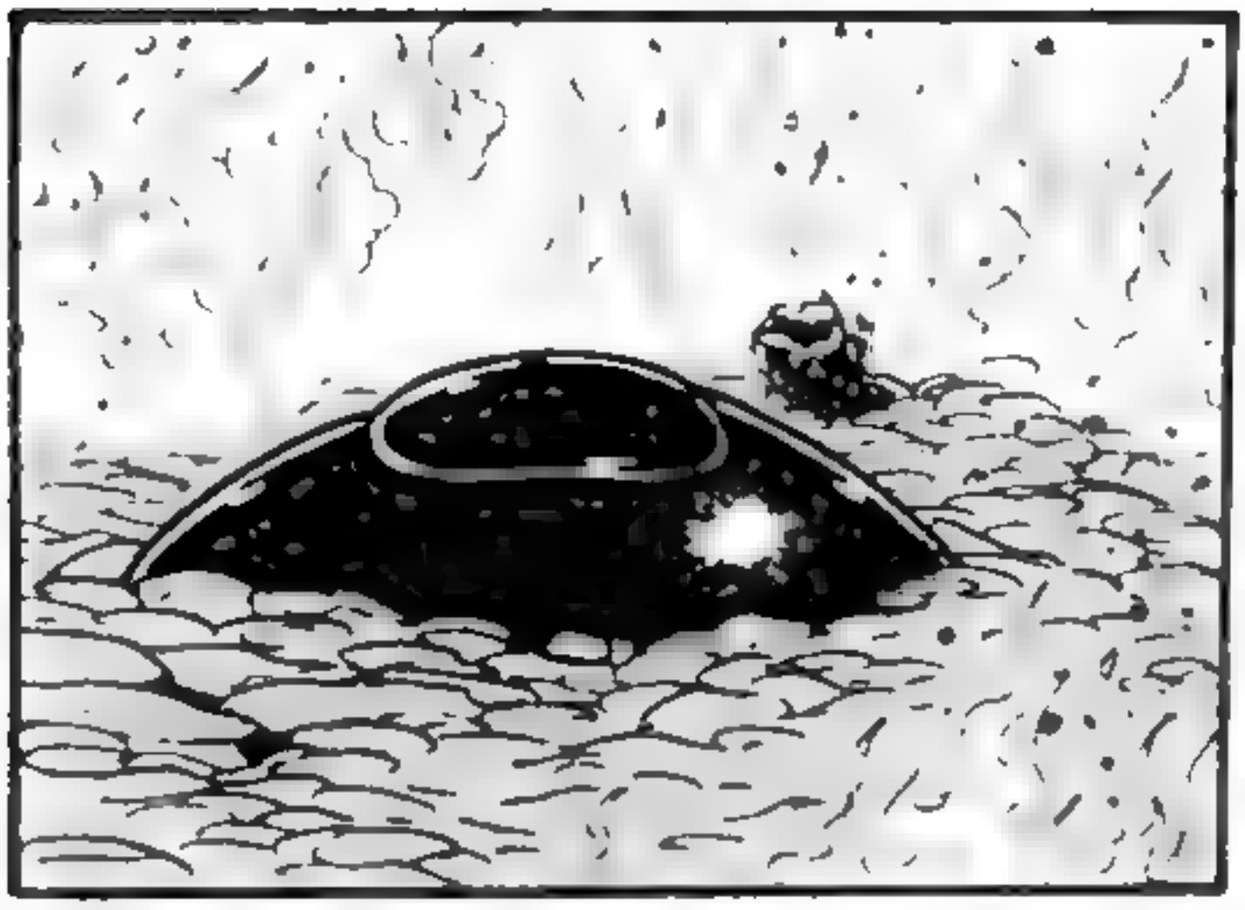
HOW CAN THE GOVERNMENT DO THIS TO ITS PEOPLE?

IT'S... IT'S A CHILD.

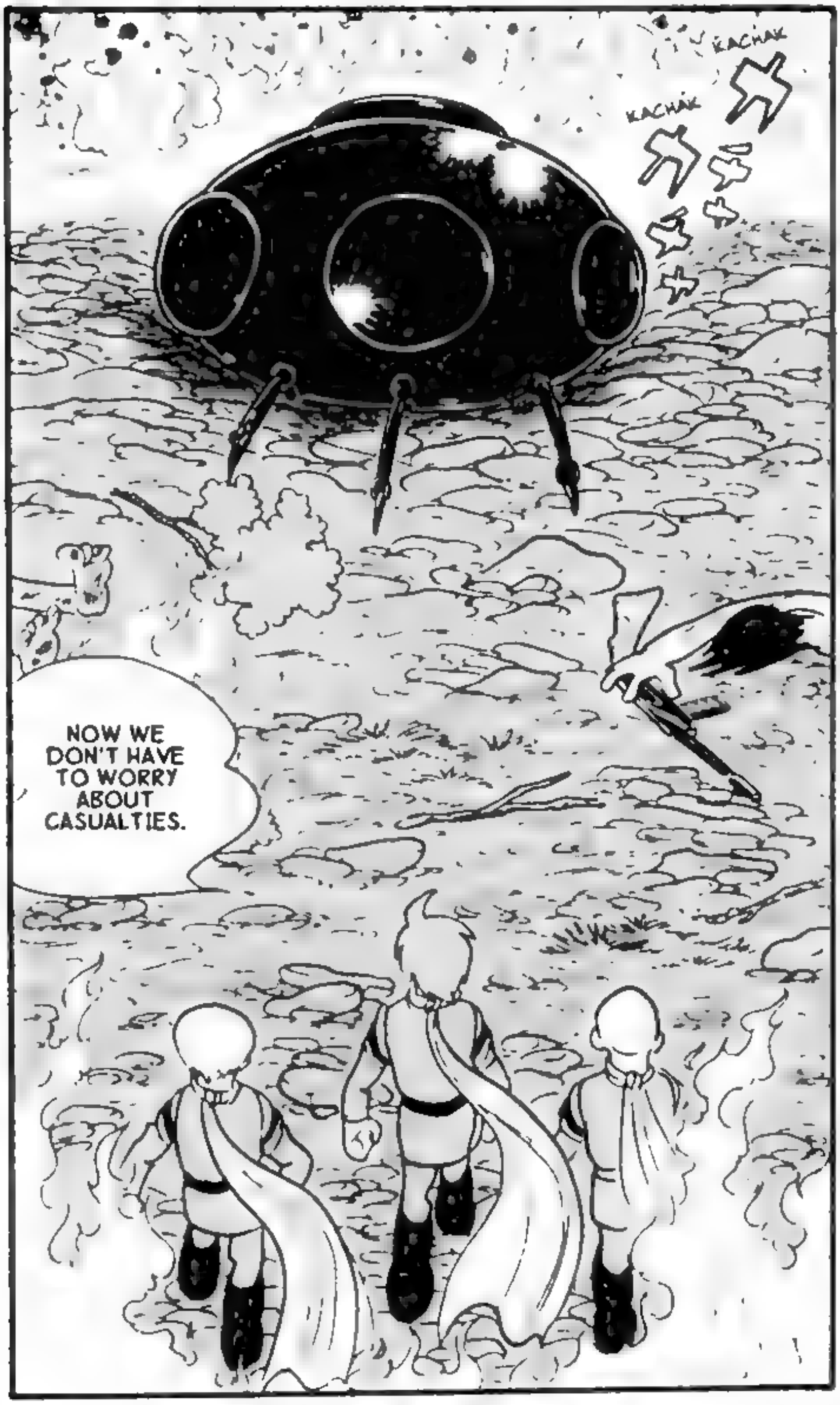
OH MY GOD!

CRACKLE

THEY MURDERED ALL OF THEM.



WHERE'S THE TANK?
THEY'RE AT WAR!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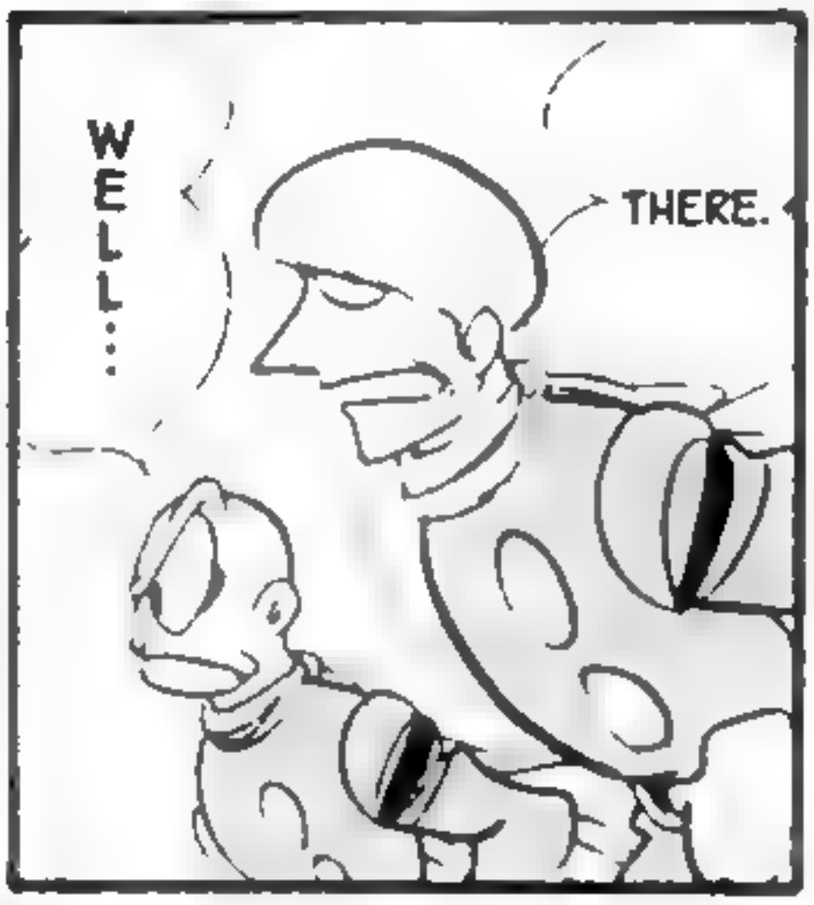
NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT CASUALTIES.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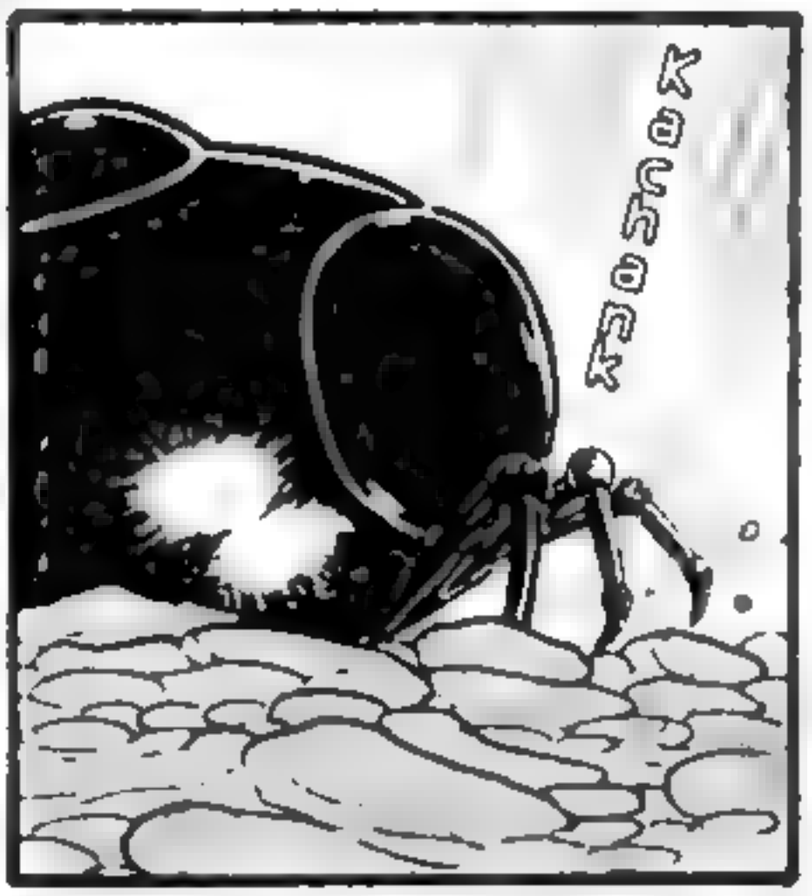
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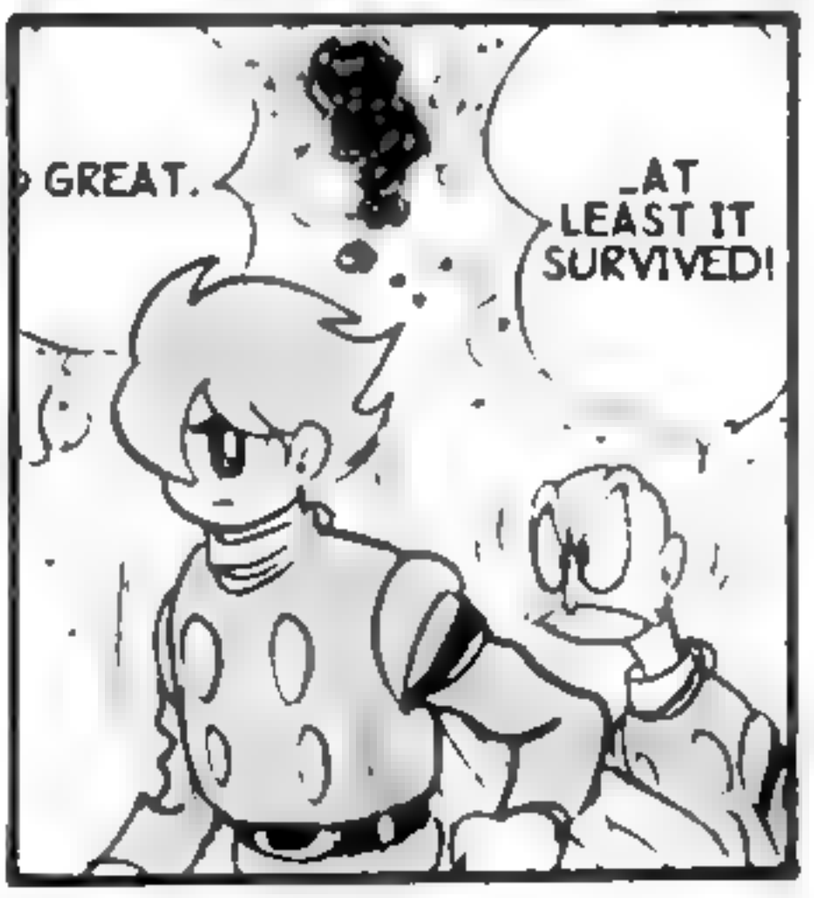
GREAT.
...AT LEAST IT SURVIVED!

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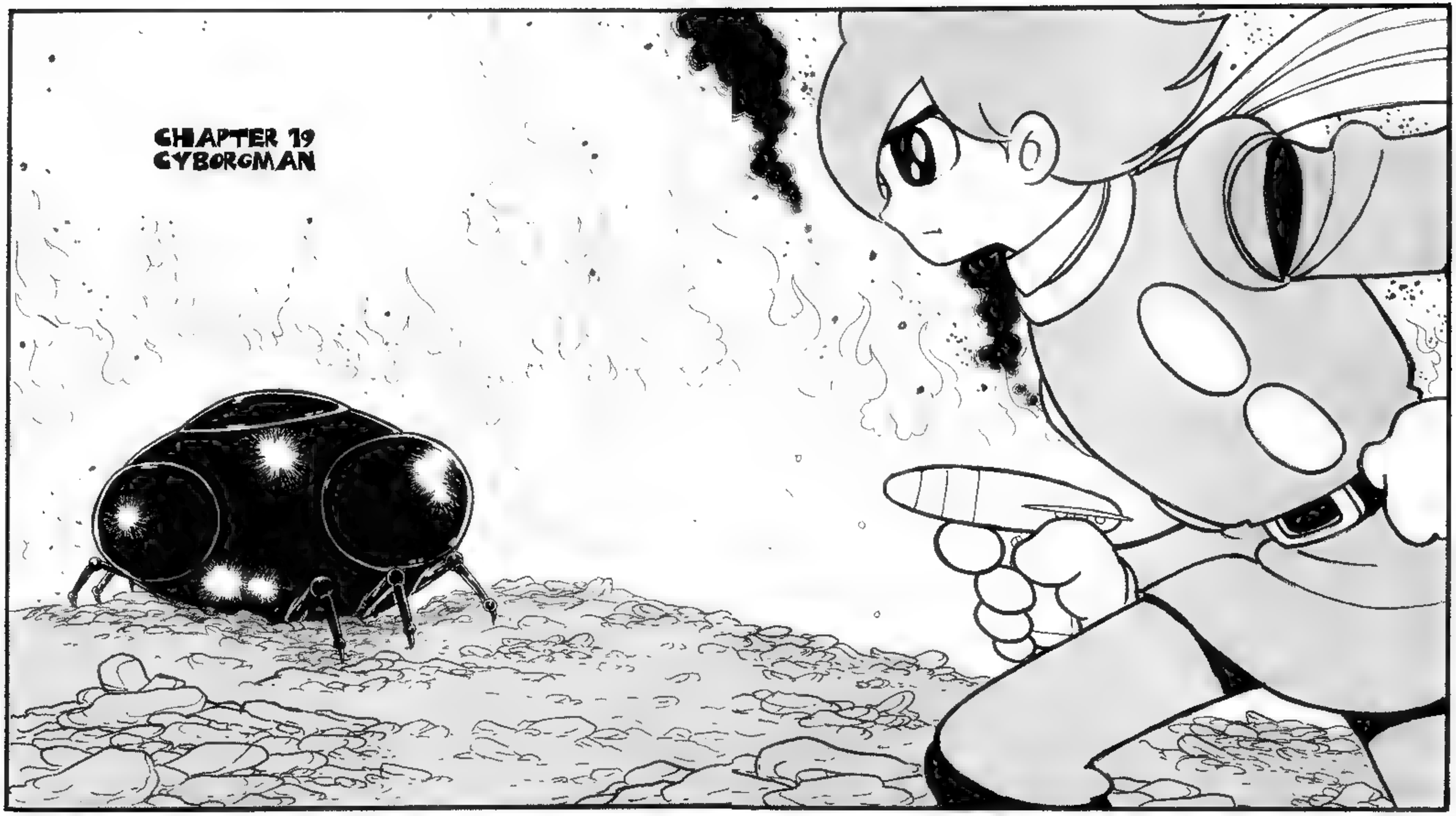
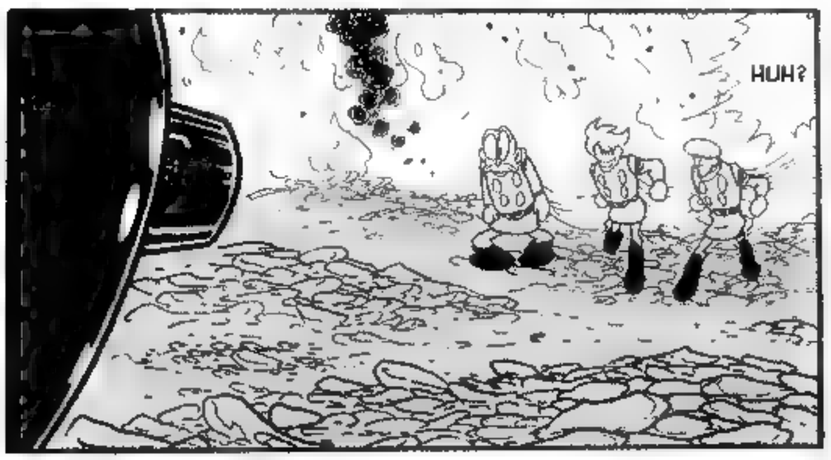
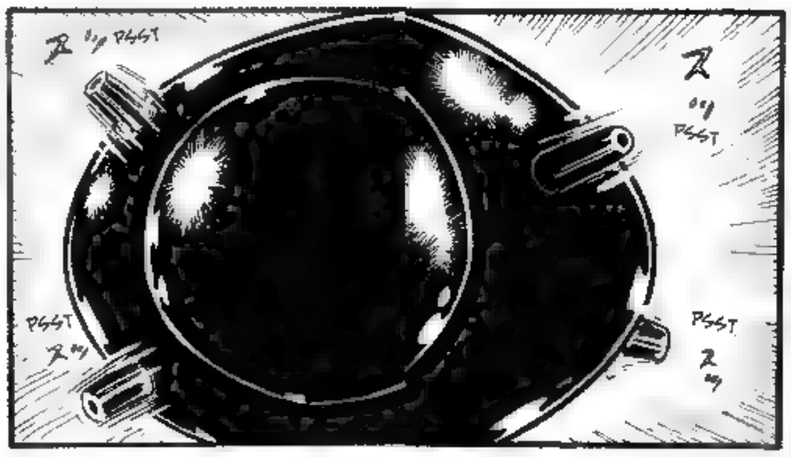
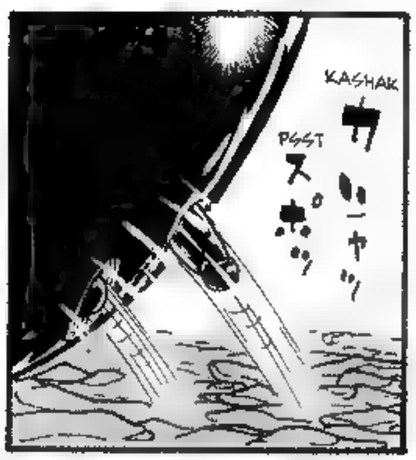
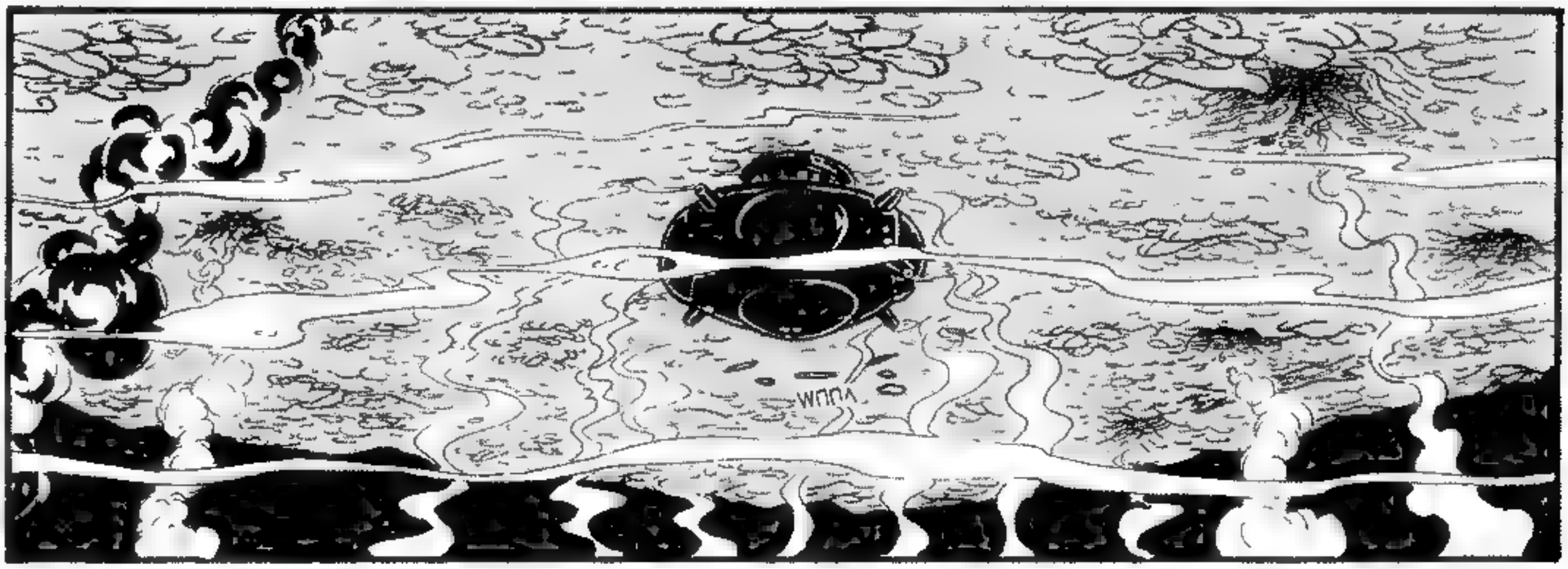
CYBORGMAN







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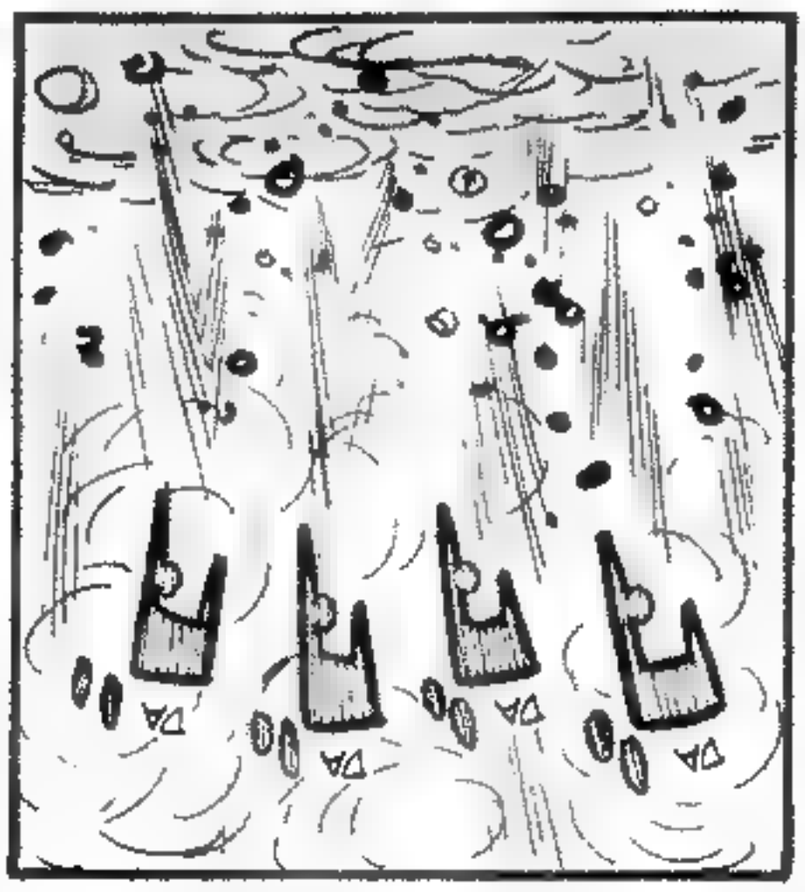
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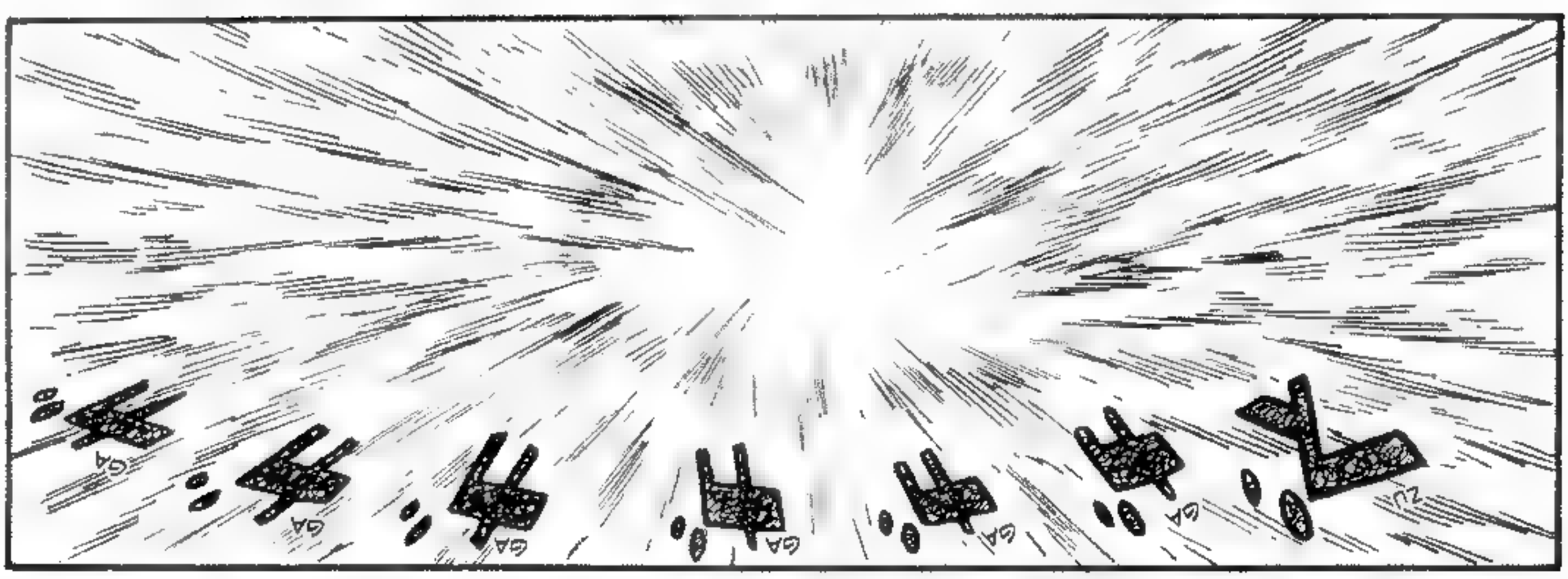
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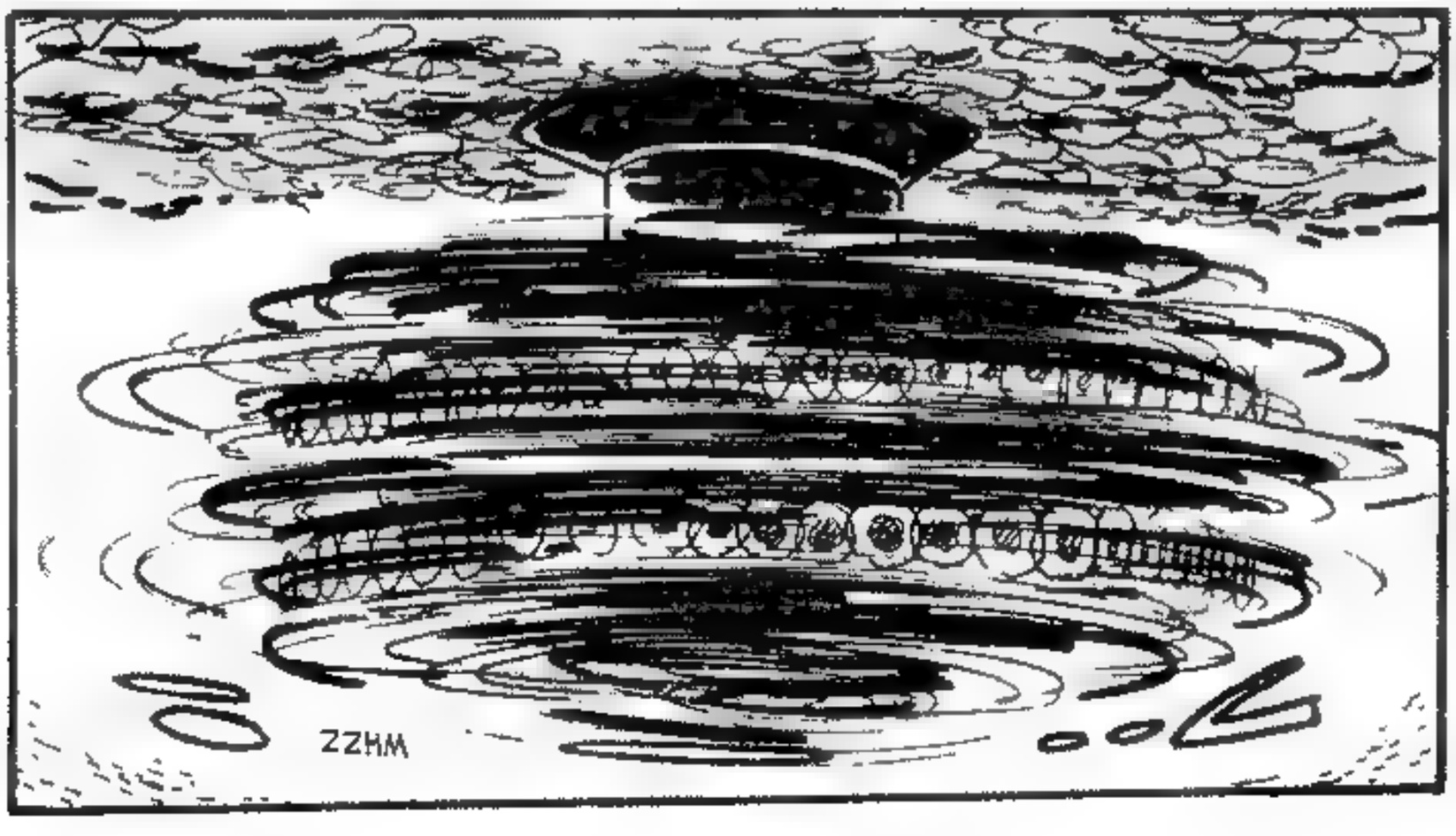
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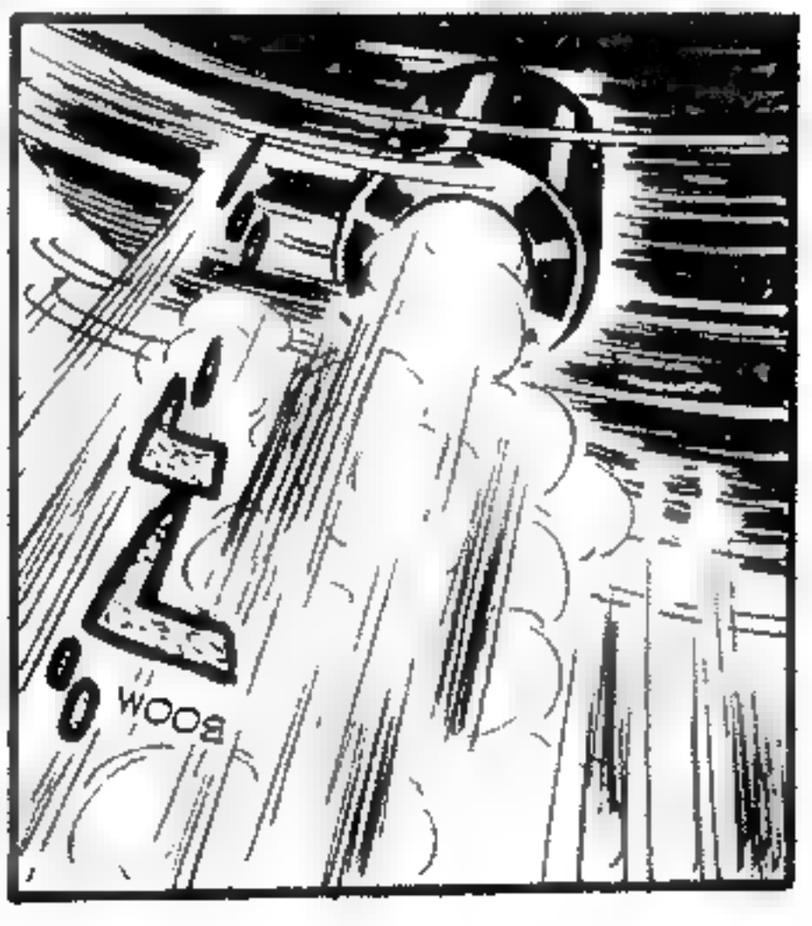
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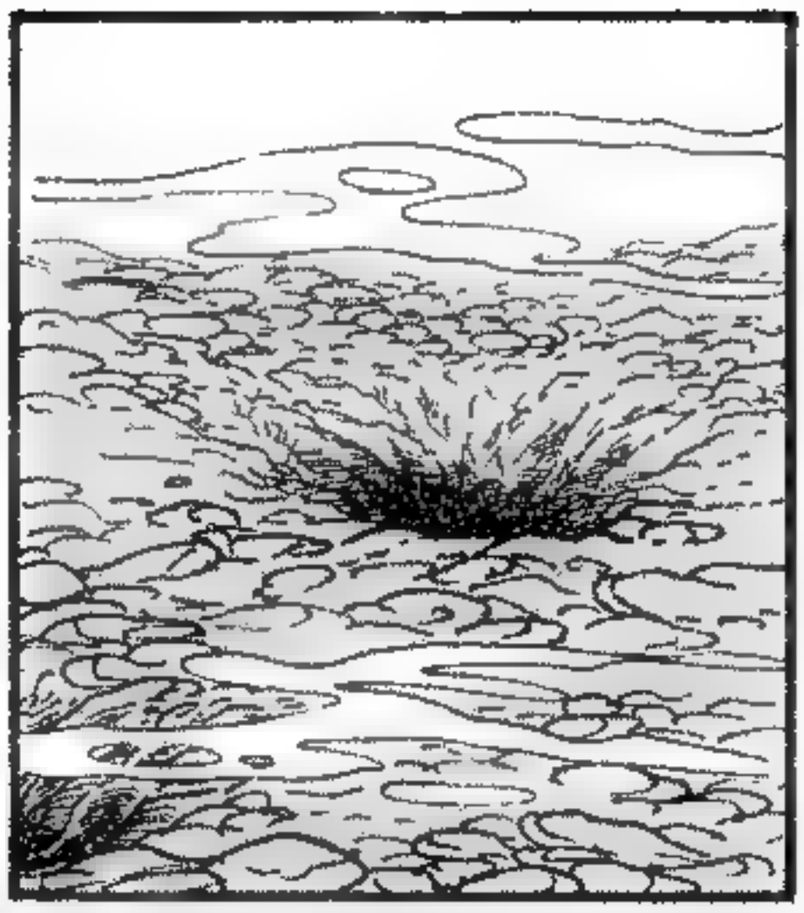
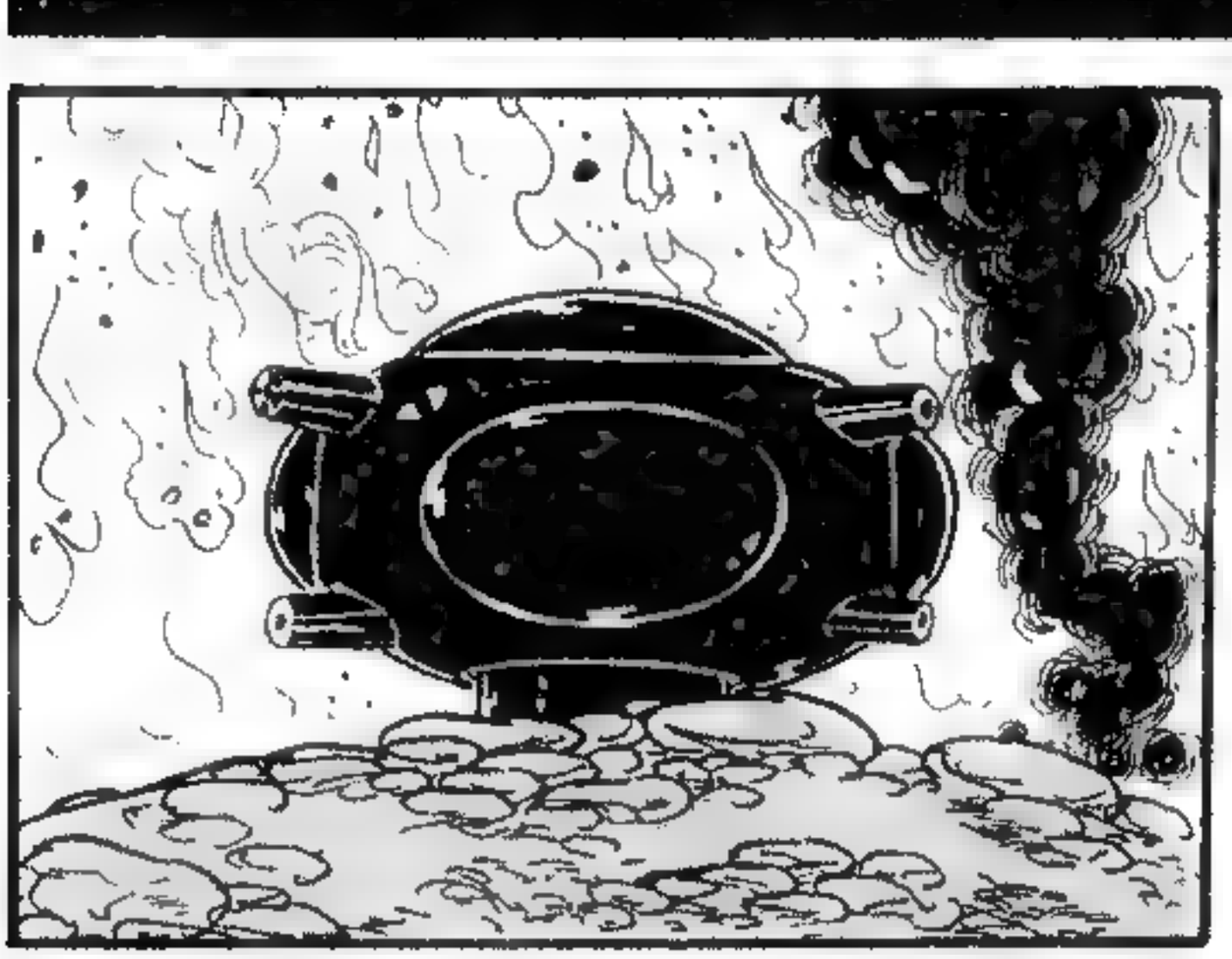
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE THAT TANK IS CAPABLE OF.

IF WE SURVIVED THOSE BOMBS, I THINK WE CAN SURVIVE ANYTHING HE THROWS AT US.



WOW! DO YOU THINK HE HAS IT IN FOR US?



THAT ALONE MAKES HIM MORE DANGEROUS THAN REGULAR SOLDIERS.

UNLIKE THOSE FIGHTER PILOTS, CYBORGMAN KNOWS OUR ABILITIES.

HUH...?

BZZ

PSSH

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HEH HEH HEH.

DAMN!

HE'S GETTING READY TO FIRE.

HE KNOWS OUR EXACT LOCATION.

DA

DA

DA

I HAVE YOU NOW.

CHAK

PSAA

PSSH

VOOM

SHOOT THEM OUT OF THE SKY!

BLAM!

BOOM

OH NO! GUIDED MISSILES!

PSAA

PSSH

WZZZ

BOOM

HOW MANY MORE CAN HE HAVE?

ANOTHER SIX MISSILES?!

BOOM

BOOM

BAM

BAM

BAM

WHERE ARE THEIR BODIES...?

BZZ

HA HA HA, THE BLACK GHOST WILL BE MOST PLEASED.

BZZ

BZZ

STAY HERE. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUR ACCELERATION SWITCH, WE'D BE BLOWN TO PIECES.

THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE, OLD BOY!!

CHAK
OO!

BZZ

004! LOOK!

ZZT

OOF!

...BUT WHERE'S THE THIRD?

THERE'S TWO OF THEM...

HMM. ANOTHER SPY FLY!

I SWEAR TO GOD I'LL BLOW THIS THING UP WITH YOU IN IT!

WHA...?!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, COME OUT OF THERE!

RIGHT HERE!

HOWEVER, I CAN'T SAVE YOU IF YOU'RE UNWILLING TO SAVE YOURSELF.

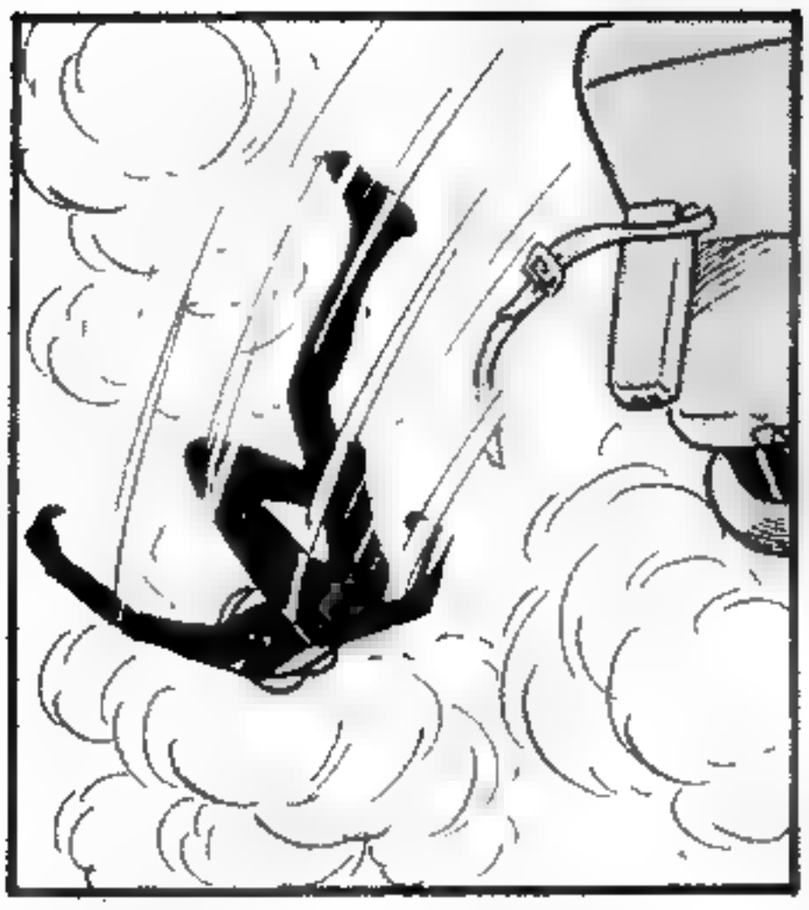
I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY.

Y-YOU IMPUDENT FOOL!

BZZT

BZT

BOOM



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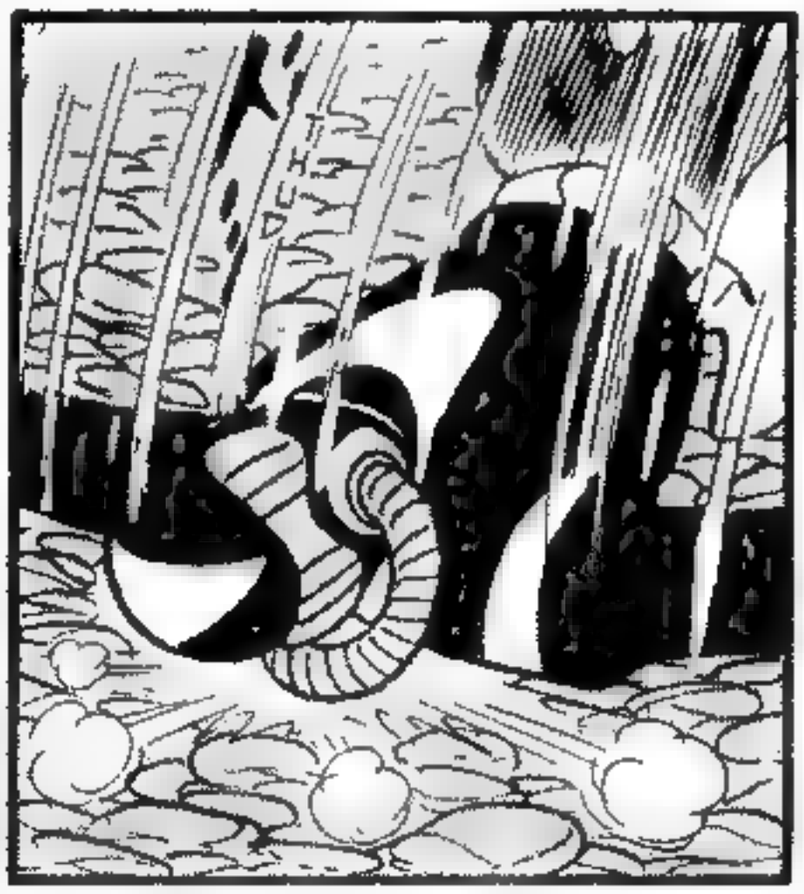

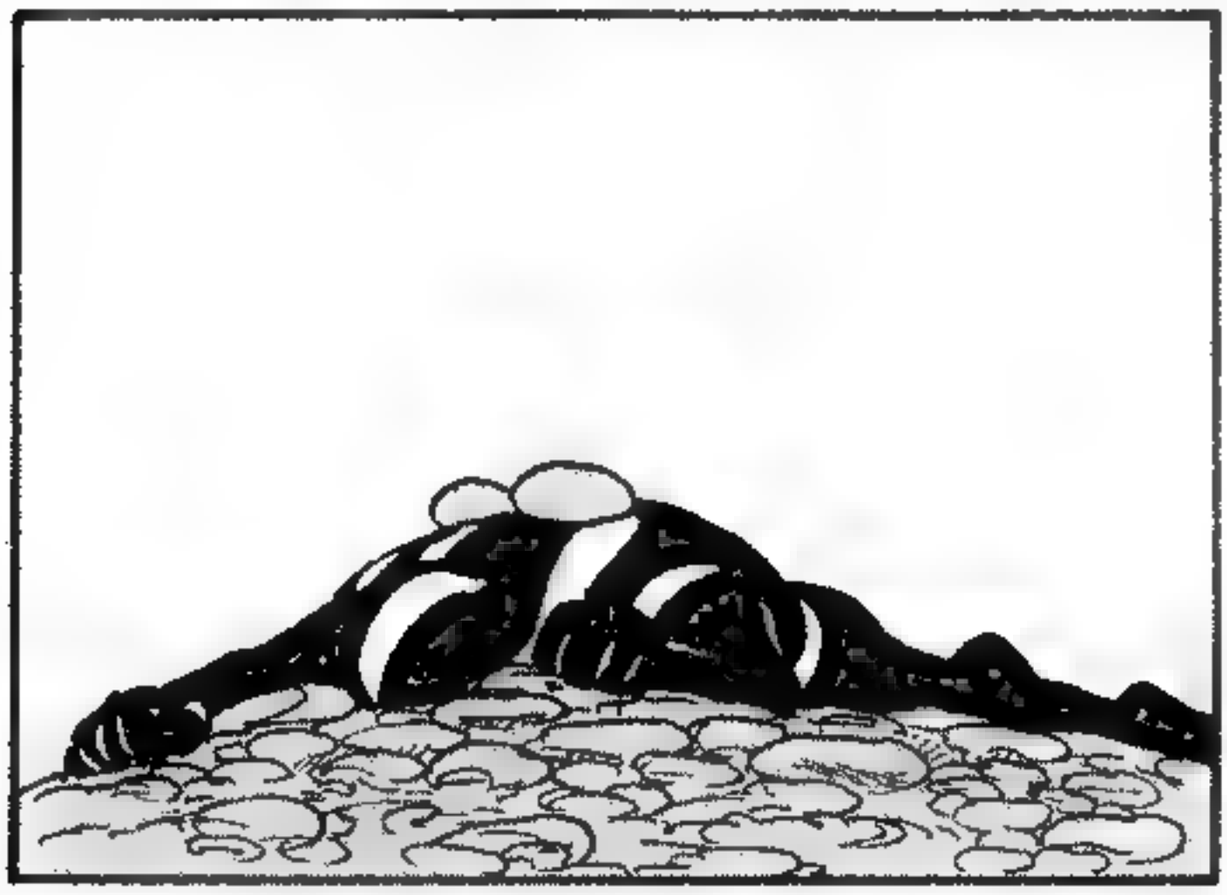

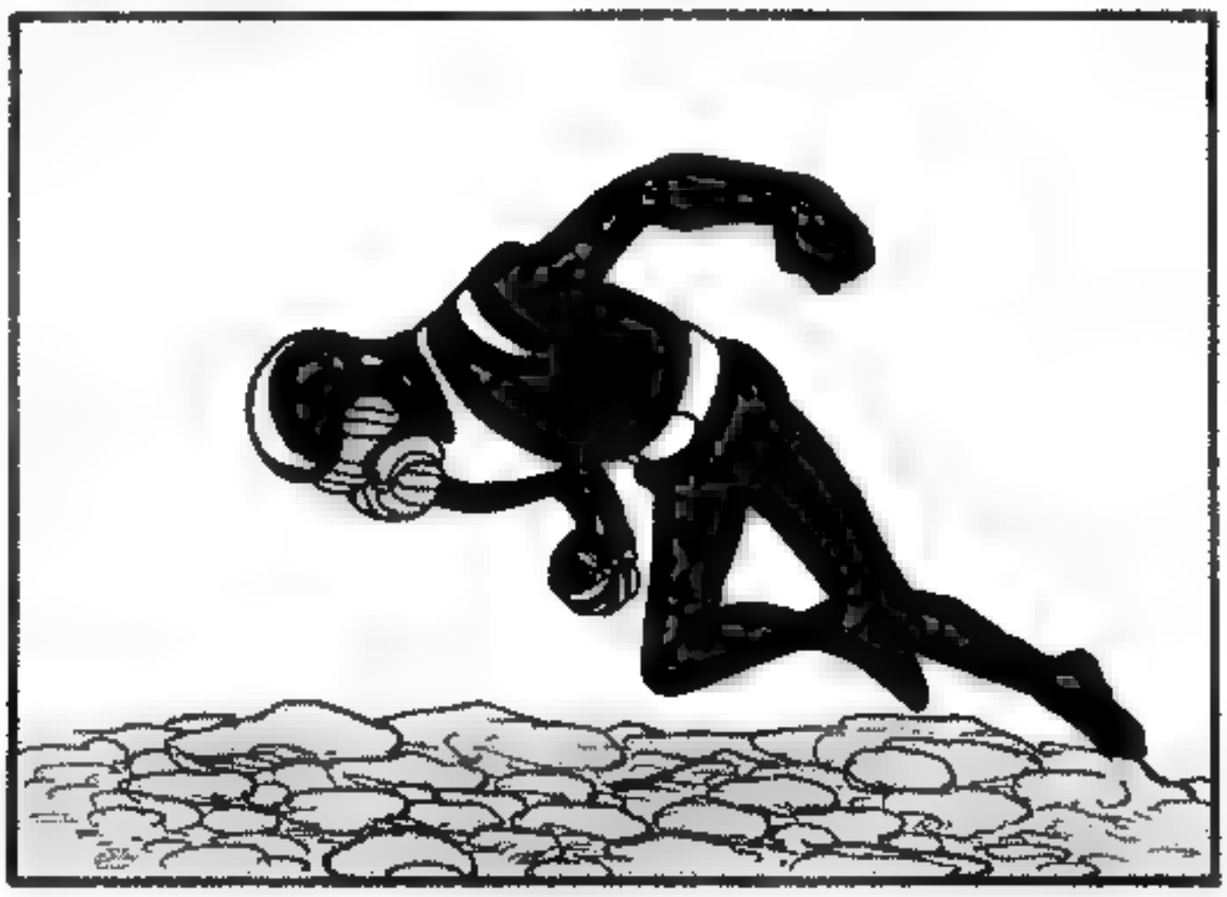

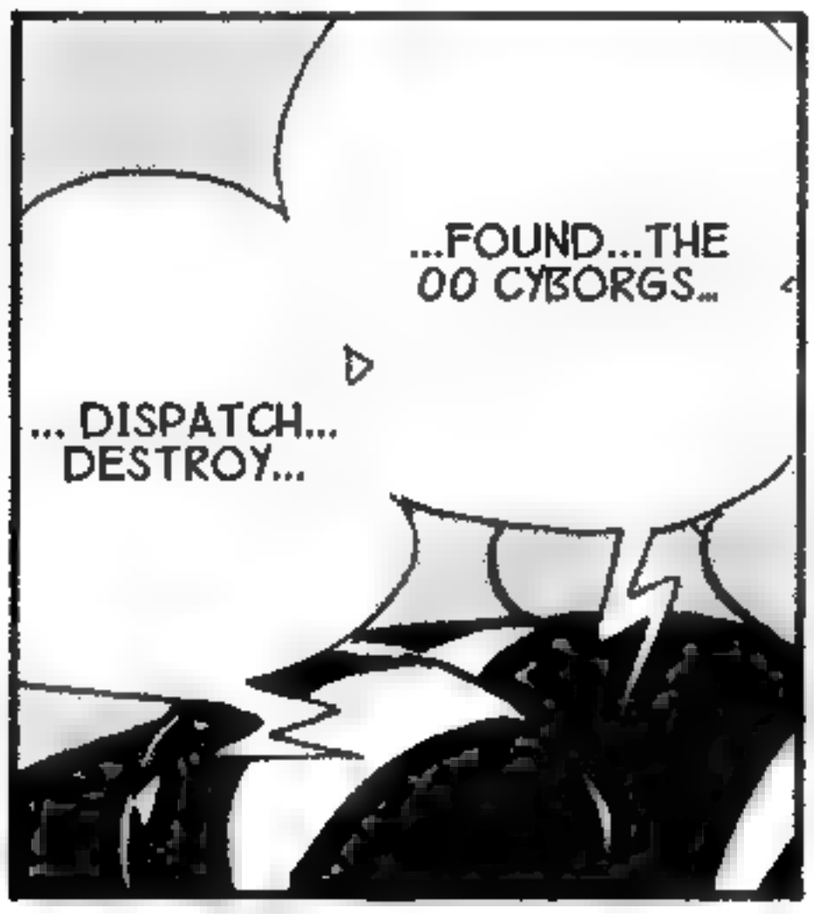
...FOUND...THE 00 CYBORGS...
... DISPATCH... DESTROY...

...CYBORGMAN NUMBER 8... HAS BEEN TERMINALLY INJURED...
THIS IS CY- CYBORGMAN... NUMBER 8...

KAPU

UNLESS HIS ALLIES ARE NEARBY...

HIS TRANSMISSION DEVICE IS SHORT RANGE. NO ONE WILL HEAR IT.

DON'T SAVE HIS LIFE! HE JUST REVEALED OUR POSITION!

THIS MUST BE THE ACCESS HATCH TO HIS VITAL ORGANS.

HEY 0091

NOT TO SPEAK FOR YOU GENTS...

...BUT I FOR ONE WOULD LIKE TO HEAD BACK.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, 009? SHOULD WE STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR THEM?

WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OF THEM ARE OUT THERE.

IT'S BETTER THAT THE OTHERS ARE AWAY FROM DANGER FOR THE MOMENT.

NO. I DON'T WANT TO LEAD THESE GOONS TO THE REST OF THE TEAM.

HUH?

BANG

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? STATE YOUR BUSINESS!

WHA?! I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE, YOU FILTHY VIET CONG SPY!

I..I'M JUST A FARMER. I MEAN YOU NO HARM.

DON'T SHOOT ME!

NO!

HAH! NO FARMER WOULD COME NEAR A BATTLEFIELD. THEY'RE ALL TOO SCARED.

HEH! MAN... WOMAN... WHO CARES?

HUH... YOU'RE... A WOMAN!

ZAP

YOU'RE RIGHT. KILL HER!

WHO ARE YOU?

WAH!

DON'T BE AFRAID.

ガチャン!
KLAK

HE MEANS IT.

IF YOU DON'T WANNA SNUFF IT, DROP THE ARMS.

PSST

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WE WON'T HURT YOU.

ANOTHER ONE!

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WHA...!

AOO
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AOO

HMPH.

NOW!

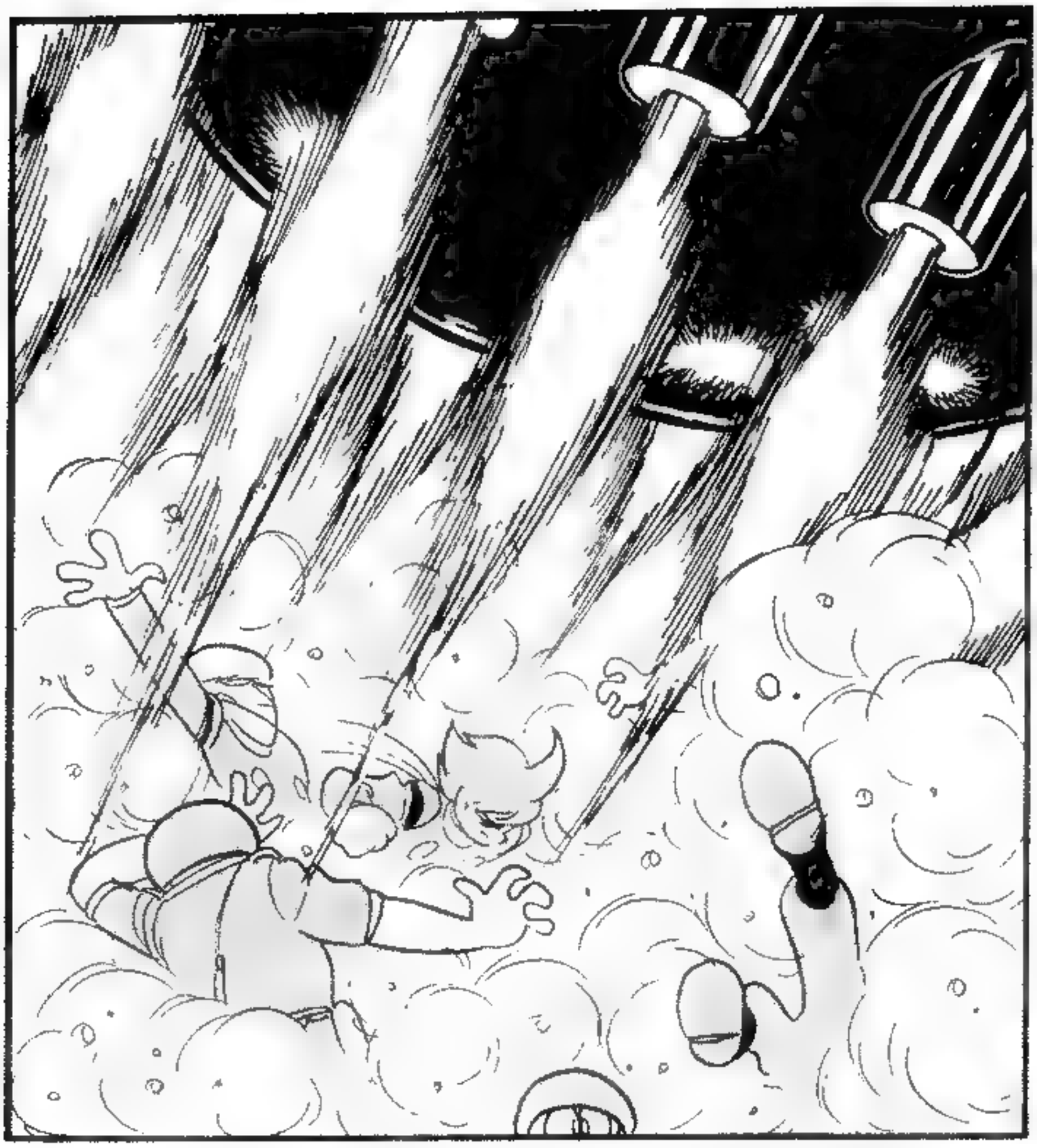
ARGH!

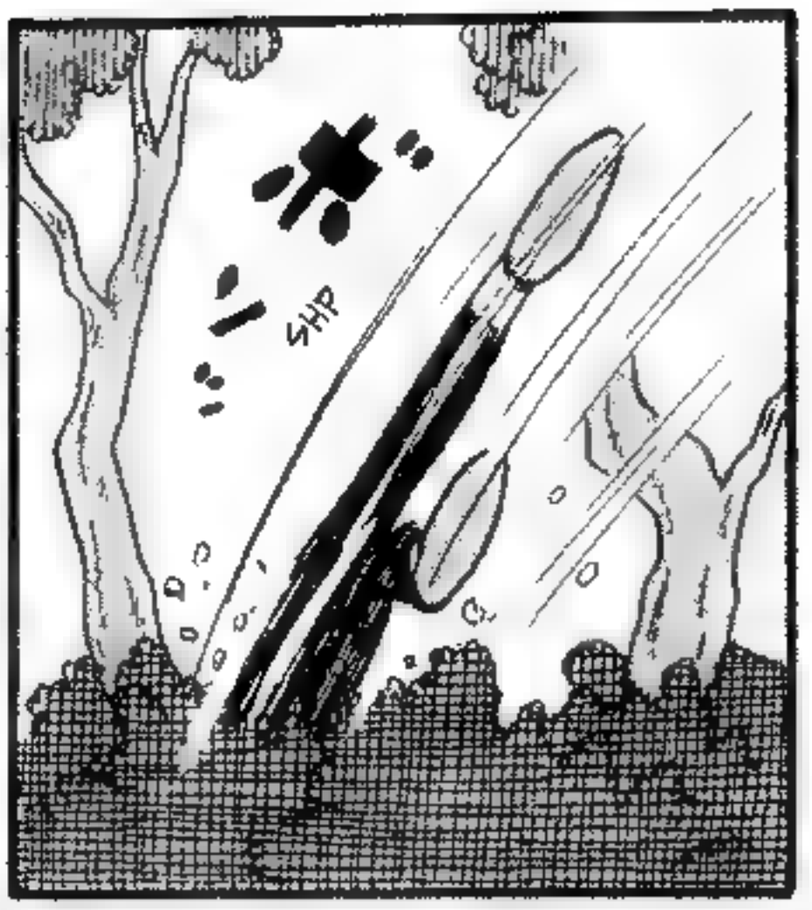
WATCH OUT!!

AH!

FWP

BOSH

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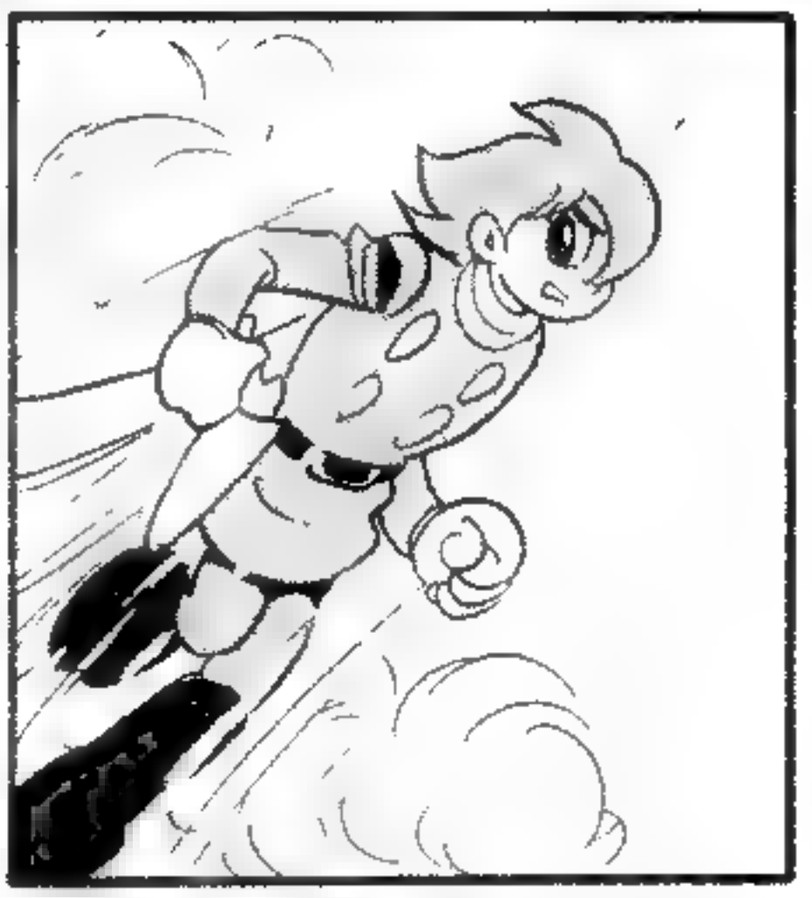

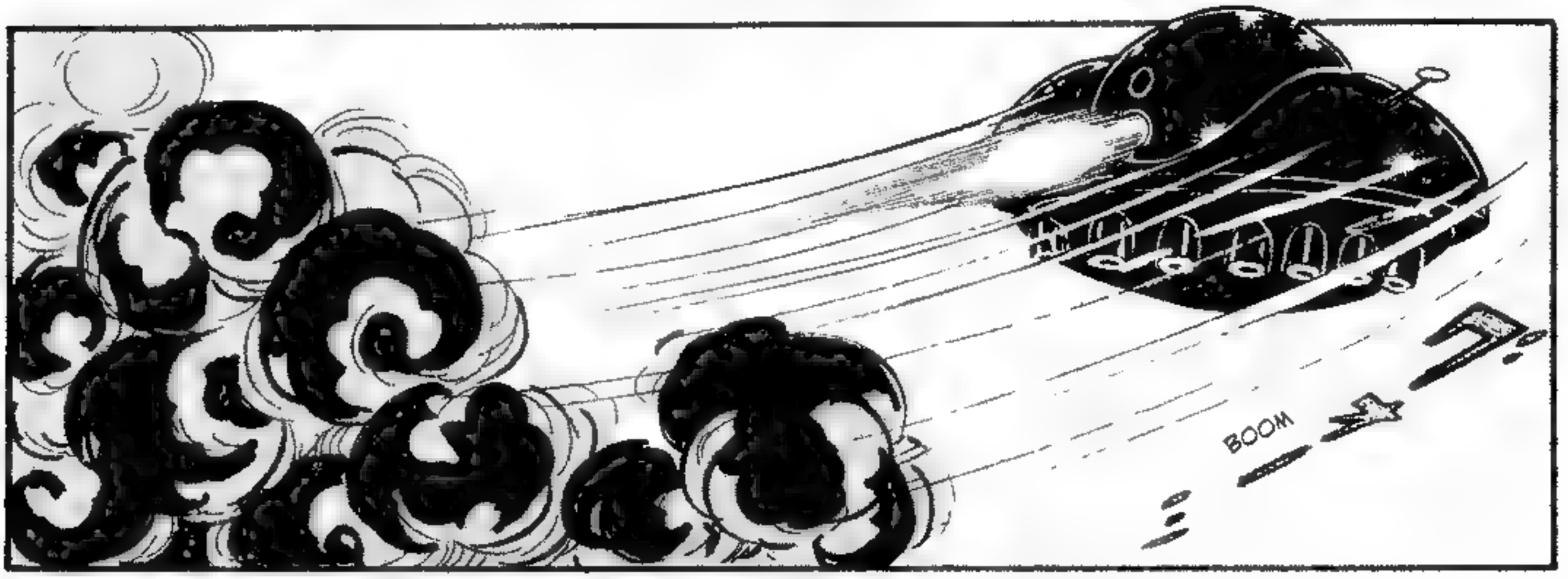
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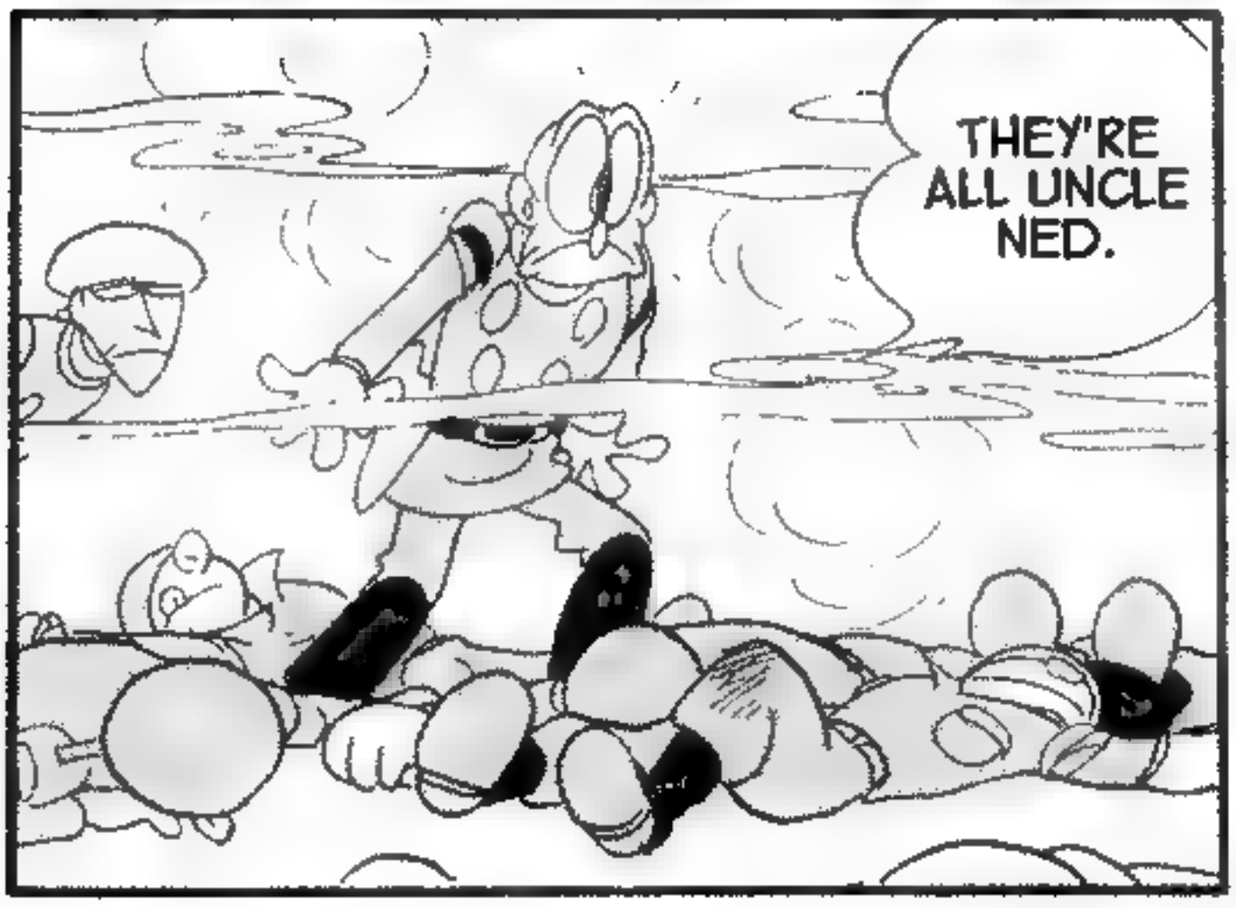
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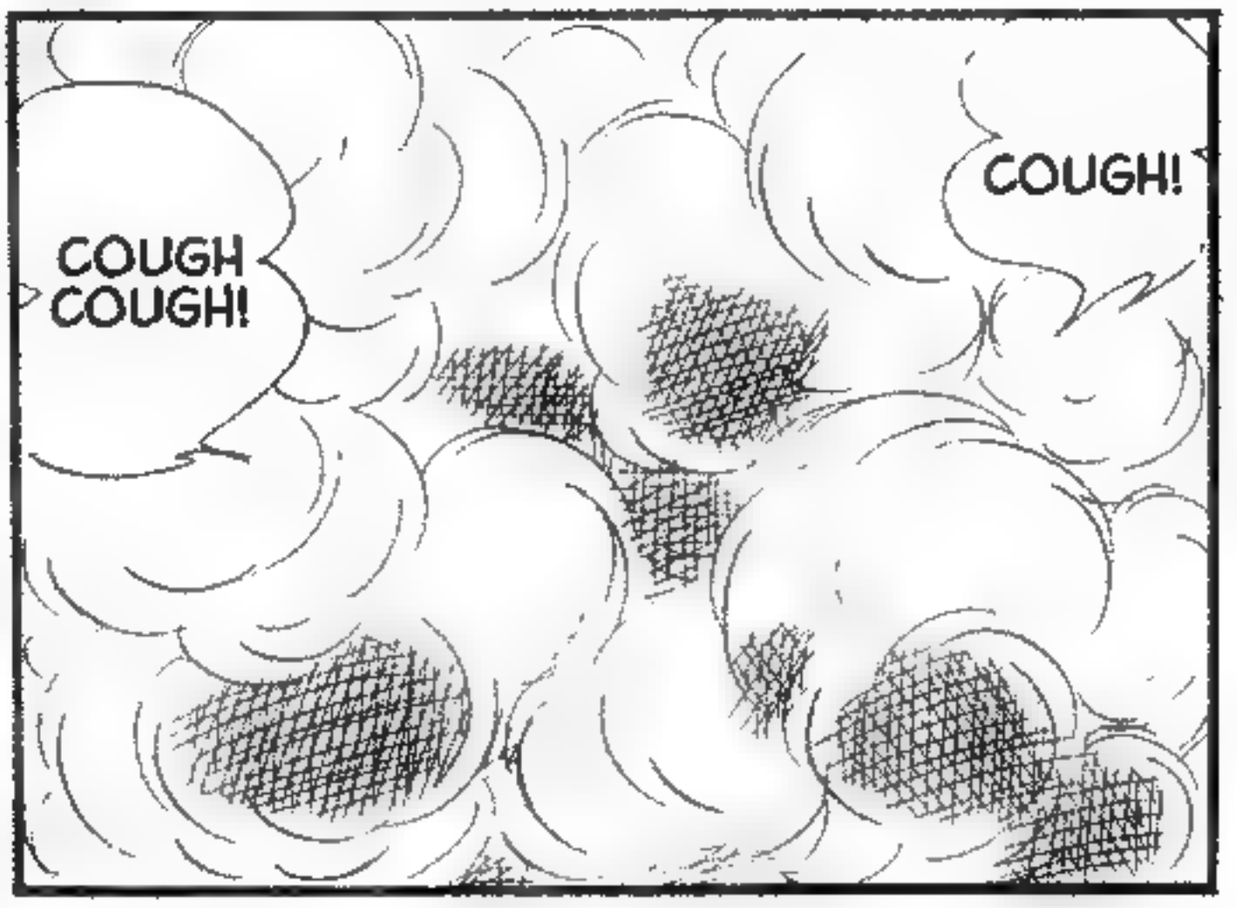

COUGH COUGH!
COUGH!

BLAM

ZOOM

IT MOVES SO QUICKLY!

IT'S DOUBLING BACK!

RUN!

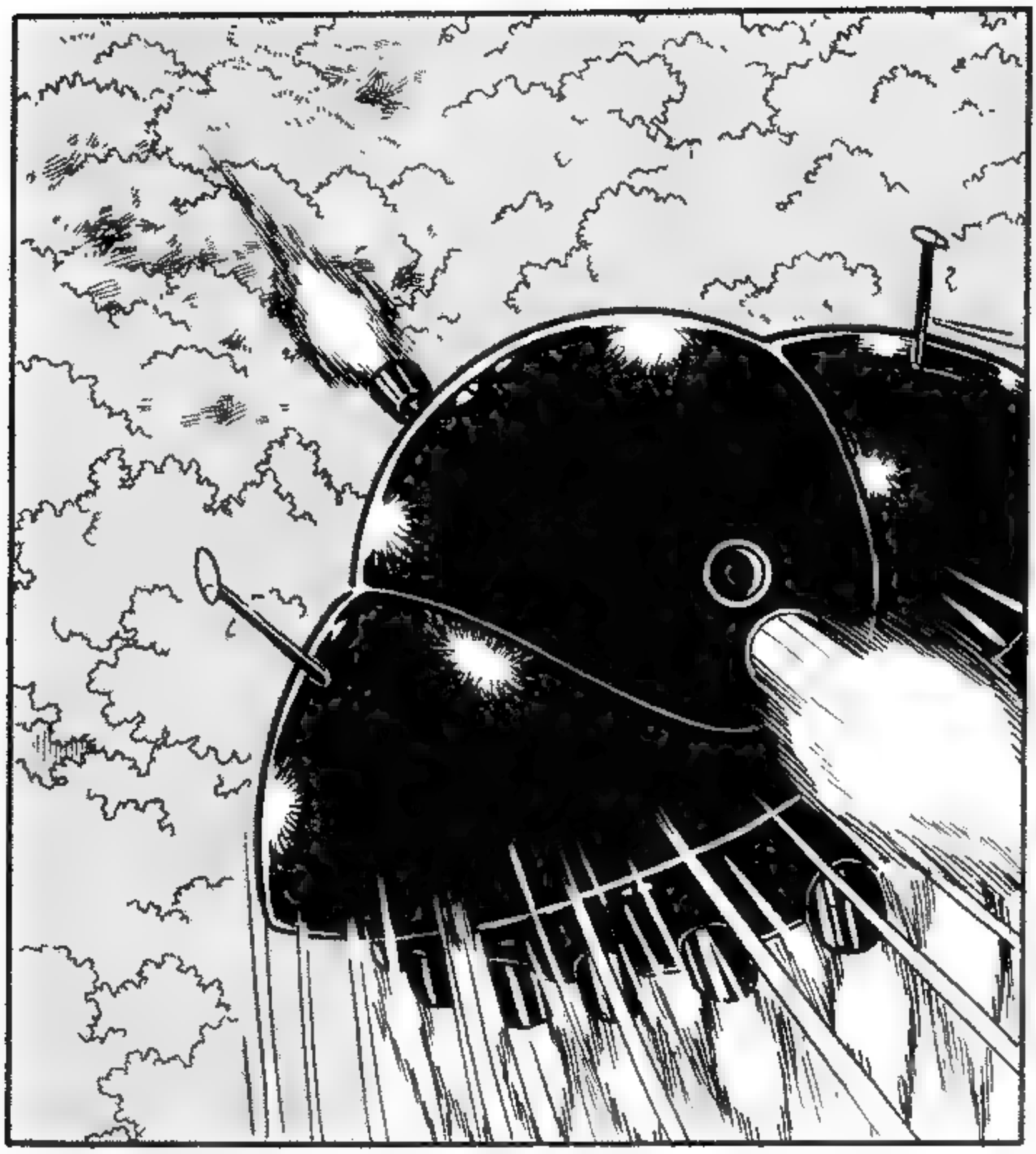
WAH!

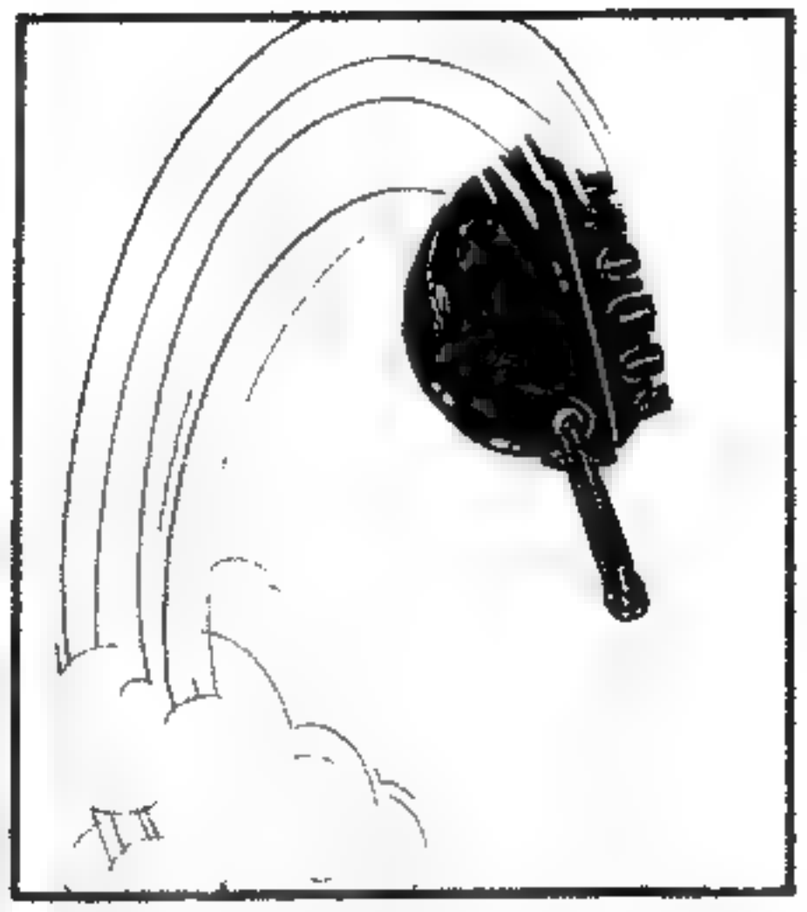
BOOM

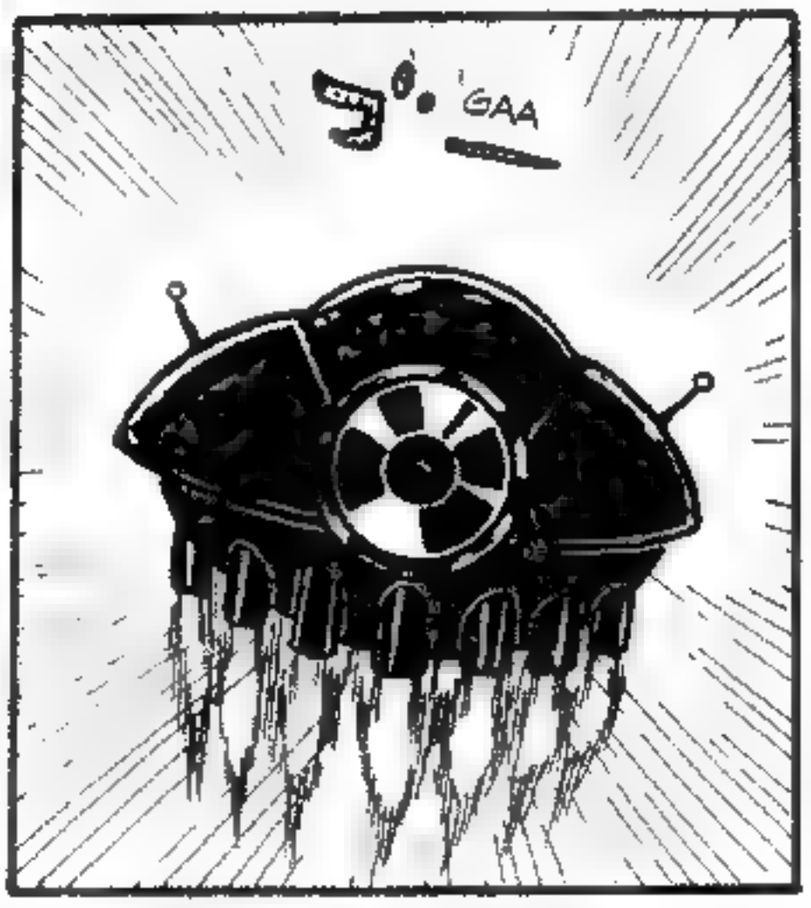
BOOM

BOOM

GAA



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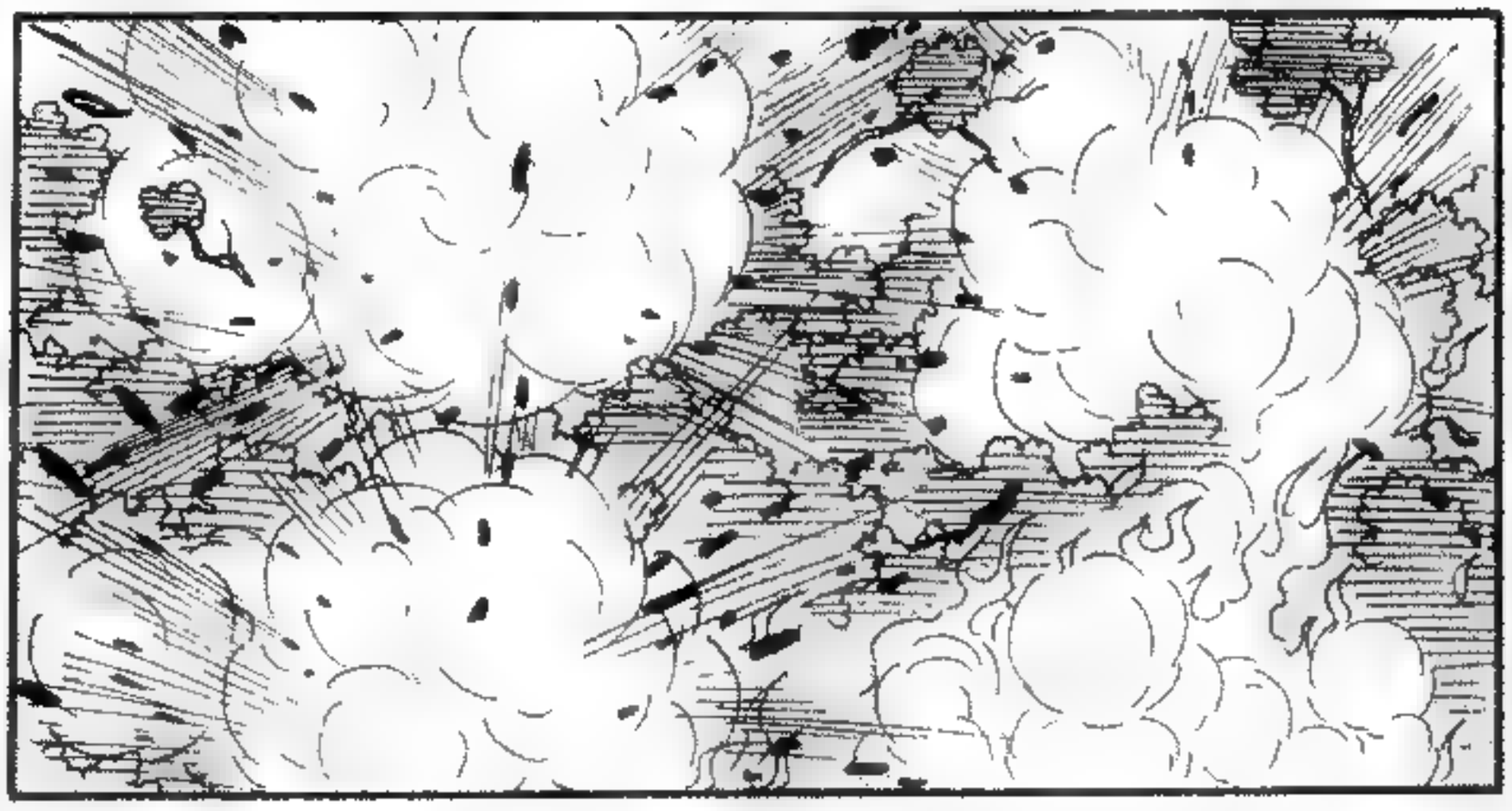

CRICKY!

CRACKLE

I THREW HERE INTO THE BUSHES... BUT THEN I LOST HERE.

THAT GIRL IS OUT THERE!

WHAT'S WRONG. 009?

AH!

HEY, JOE! WAIT FOR ME!

WHUMP

BUT IT'S A FLAMING MESS OUT THERE.

WHAT THE...?!

I'M A WINGER IN THE DARK.

YOU DUFFERS... HOLD UP.

ARRGH! BLOODY HELL, THAT HURT!

WHACK

YOUR BODY'S BUILT TO WITHSTAND A LOT MORE THAN THIS.

NOW, OLD BOY, IT'S JUST FIRE.

I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE...I MEAN, FOR THEIR SAKE.

I JUST HOPE...

THE BOYS COULD PROBABLY USE MY HELP 'BOUT NOW.

FEELS LIKE I WALKED THROUGH THE GATES OF HELL ITSELF.

POOR SOD PROBABLY DIDN'T EVEN SEE IT COMING!

THOUGH THEY DON'T SEEM TO GIVE A TOSS 'BOUT ME.

WHAT'S THAT?!

KLANK

DO

SSH

SSH

GAA

GAA

HA HA
HA HA!

KACHAK

DON'T LOOK SO BAFFLED!

I THOUGHT WE ALREADY DEALT WITH HIM!

WHAT...?! CYBORG-MAN...?!

TWITCH

WHA!

FWIP

I'M CYBORGMAN NUMBER 6!

YOU DEALT WITH CYBORGMAN NUMBER 8.

PACH

PACH

...OR SHE DIES!

DON'T MOVE...!

URGH!!

THE MORE YOU MOVE, THE TIGHTER THEY GET.

THOSE CUFFS WERE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR YOU.

HA HA HA, STRUGGLE AWAY, CYBORGS.

BRING HIM BACK, DEAD OR ALIVE.

I DOUBT IT. COMB THE AREA! HE'S HIDING SOMEWHERE.

MAYBE HE DIED IN THE BLAST.

WAIT. SOMETHING'S WRONG. I SAID THERE WERE THREE OF THEM.

GOT CAUGHT IN THAT LAST ATTACK.

HE'S DEAD, SIR.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CAPTAIN?

YES, SIR.

BUT BE CAREFUL! HE'S A CYBORG.

CAPTAIN! YOU'RE ALIVE!!

WE WERE AFRAID YOU PERISHED.

HEH HEH HEH.

OH. I'M SORRY. I'M SURE HE DIED VALIANTLY.

TAP TAP

AH, YOU CAUGHT THESE BASTARDS!

I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN!

HAH! YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE.

NOT YET.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? LET'S KILL 'EM!!

WHAK

HEH HEH HEH!

.....

YES, THEY SHOULD BE ARRIVING VERY SOON.

THERE'S MORE OF 'EM?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THEY'LL ALL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BETRAY BLACK GHOST!

I WANT THEIR FRIENDS TO BE HERE TO WATCH THEM DIE.

...AND I'M HOLDING IT IN MY HANDS.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY...

ISN'T THERE A WAY TO LOOSEN THEM? THESE GUYS ARE CLEVER AFTER ALL.

HAH! NOT WITH THESE BONDS. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

I HOPE SO. I DON'T WANT THESE GUYS ESCAPING.

WHY I OUGHTA ...

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH. JUST WATCH THEM.

FOOL!

LET ME SEE THAT THING.

WOW, THAT'S AMAZING.

WHAT?!

HERE. GIVE THEM AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE.

DADUMASAN DARUMASAN NIRAMEKKO CHIMASYO! PUPUTTO

LET ME SEE.

CAPTAIN! A CODED MESSAGE FROM HEADQUARTERS!

OKAY.

DON'T WORRY. THEY WANT US ALIVE FOR SOME REASON.

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I'M BUSY?

CAPTAIN, WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I CAN'T...

YES, SIR.

TAKE WATCH OVER THE PRISONERS. I'LL BE BACK.

WHAT WERE YOU DOING CROSSING A BATTLEFIELD BY YOURSELF?

HAH! WE'RE NOT CAPTURED. 007 IS OUT THERE DEVISING A BRILLIANT PLAN OF ESCAPE AS WE SPEAK.

I'M SORRY. IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GOT YOU.

ONLY MY BROTHER AND I SURVIVED.

YES, OUR PARENTS WERE KILLED IN A FIREFIGHT.

OLDER BROTHER?

LOOKING FOR MY OLDER BROTHER.

.....

...THEN, ONE DAY, MY BROTHER WENT MISSING.

I THOUGHT WE HAD ESCAPED THE WAR...

...SO WE DECIDED TO HIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

THE WAR ERUPTED AROUND US...

...THEN I LEARNED HE HAD JOINED THE VIET CONG.

I THOUGHT MAYBE HE'D BEEN KILLED...

GAA

WHY DON'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

HEY, STOP TALKING TO EACH OTHER!!

I'M SORRY.

DAMN.

UGH.

SMAK

OH YEAH?!

WHAT'S GOING ON OVER HERE?

BE PATIENT!!

004! NOT NOW!!

JUST TRUST THAT THE CUFFS WILL KEEP THEM PUT.

IDIOT! DON'T LET THEM PROVOKE YOU!

I HAD TO GET THE PRISONERS IN LINE, SIR.

AND SO DO THESE CYBORGMEN, REMEMBER?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE FOR A CAPTAIN. WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US EARLIER? WE HAVE OUR ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE COMMUNICATORS, YOU KNOW.

007? IS THAT YOU?

AS FOR YOU TWO, KEEP YOUR GOBS SHUT? I'M WORKING ON SETTING YA FREE.

?

THUP

WISH ME LUCK!

AND YOU'RE VERY CONVINCING IN THE ROLE. PLAY ON, 007.

I'M MERELY PLAYING A PART. I PROMISE.

007, I'M SORRY I HAD TO KICK YOU EARLIER.

HE'S BACK.

HEY!

?

HEH HEH HEH, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

YES. YOU COULD SAY THAT.

HEH HEH HEH. DID YOU FIND OUR FUGITIVE?

FLAP

SIR!

Y-YOU FOUND HIM?

COME.

FWAP

UGH.

I FOUND THESE CLOTHES TOO!

YIKES.

SHAP

CYBORG 007!!

BAM

SMAK

GUH!

GRRRR...

.....

...BUT I AM STILL IMPRESSED WITH YOUR TRANSFORMATION!

YOU'RE RIGHT. I COULD HEAR YOUR TRANSMISSIONS...

DAMMIT!

GA GA GA GA

EXCELLENT! JUST IN TIME FOR THE EXECUTION.

SIR! THE BATTALION!

DAMN.

IF EVER YOU WERE RELIGIOUS MEN, NOW IS THE TIME TO START PRAYING!

BEFORE WE OBLITERATE THEM, GENTLEMEN, TAKE ONE LAST LOOK.

LOOK AT THE FEAR IN THE FACES OF THESE QUIVERING TRAITORS!

HUH?

KLANK

UNH.

I'D EXPECTED THEM TO LOOK A LITTLE... INTIMIDATING.

HA HA HA! SO THIS IS THEM!

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I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

IT'S NO USE!

WHAT?

HUH?

WE ARE BROTHERS. WE ARE THE SAME.

PASSIONATE, YES! BUT YOU KNOW THAT THOSE BULLETS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON ME.

SHAP

SHAP

.....

...AND HEAD OUT!

EVERYONE, SADDLE UP...!

WHAT SAY WE GET STARTED?

HA HA HA!

GENTLEMEN, FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, CLEAR THE AREA.

YES, SIR!

TMP

GA GA GA

KNACK

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GA

GA

COW-ARDS.

THEY'RE GONNA USE THE BIG GUNS ON US.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

SHUUM

DO

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DO

HUH?

SHAK

NEVER THOUGHT I'D GO OUT LIKE THIS.

RAMEN, SCOTCH, WHISKY...

THEY'RE SURROUNDING US!

KABOOM

BAM

AAAH!

GUH!

UGH!

WHAT?!

NUMBER 11! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

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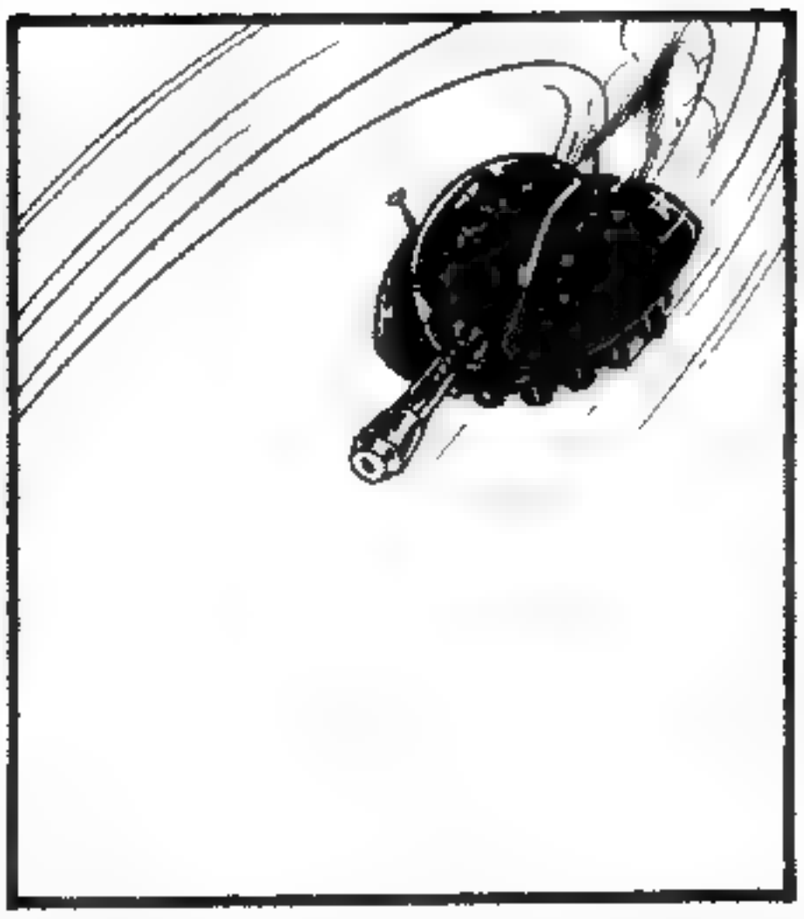
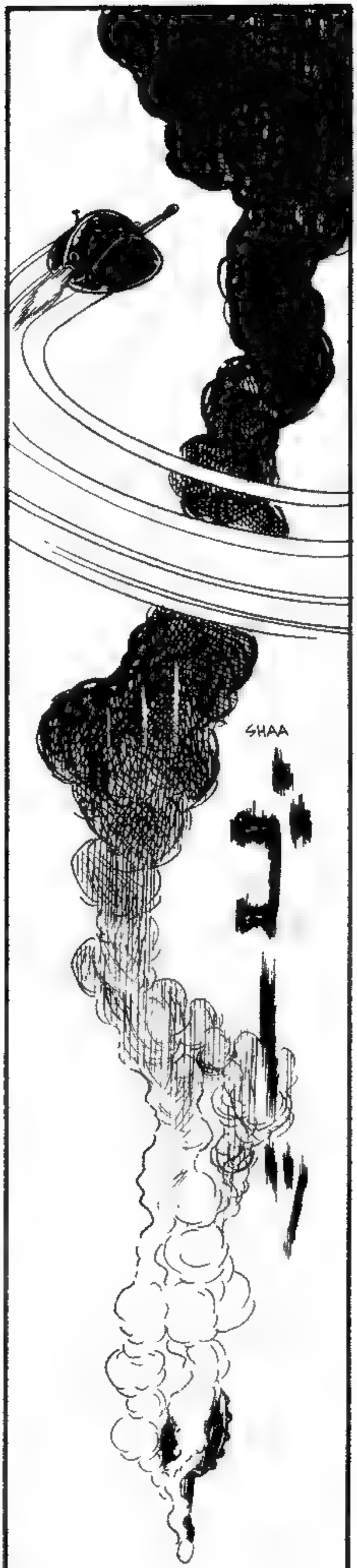
SHUM

BLAM

BOOM

BAM

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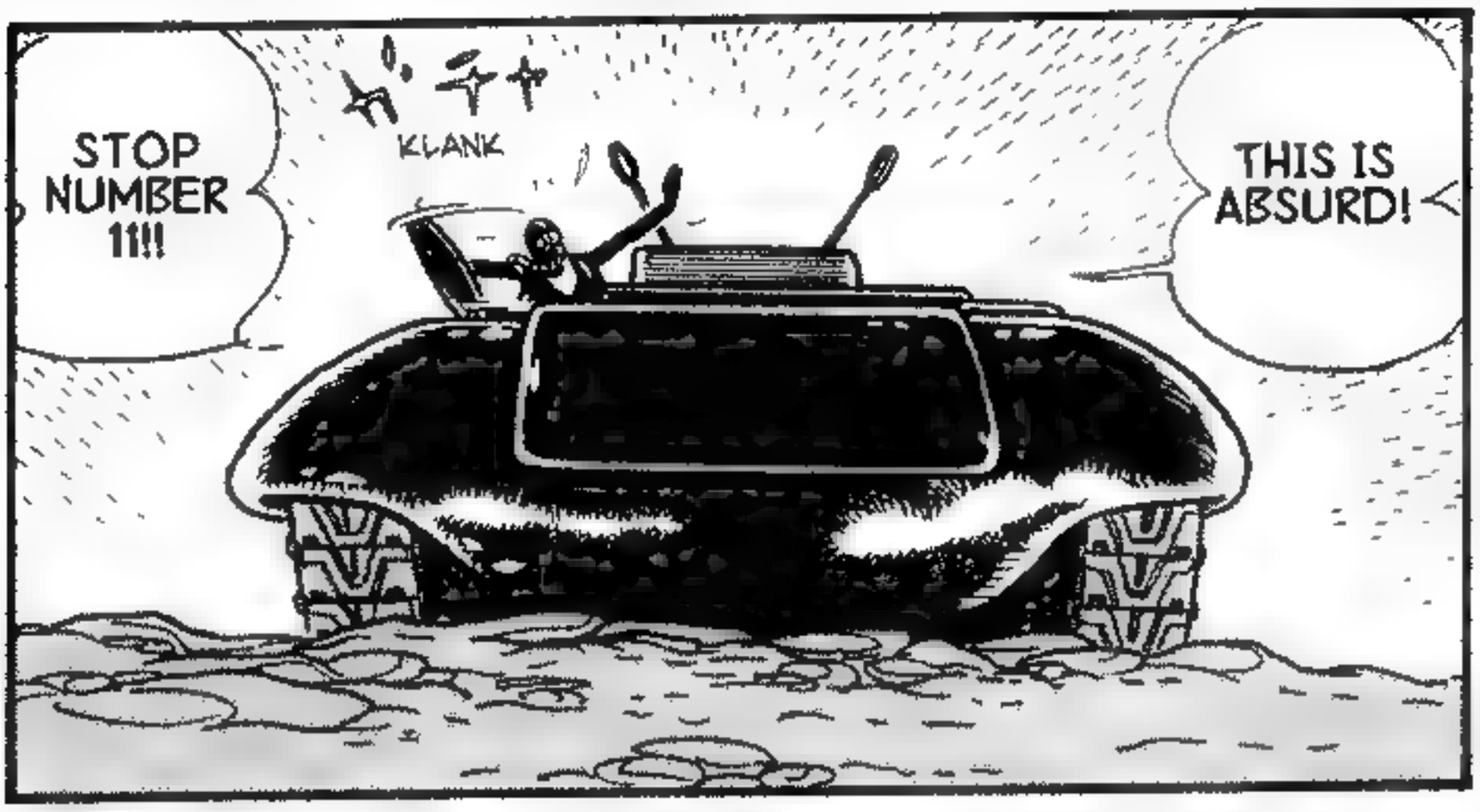
STOP NUMBER 11!!
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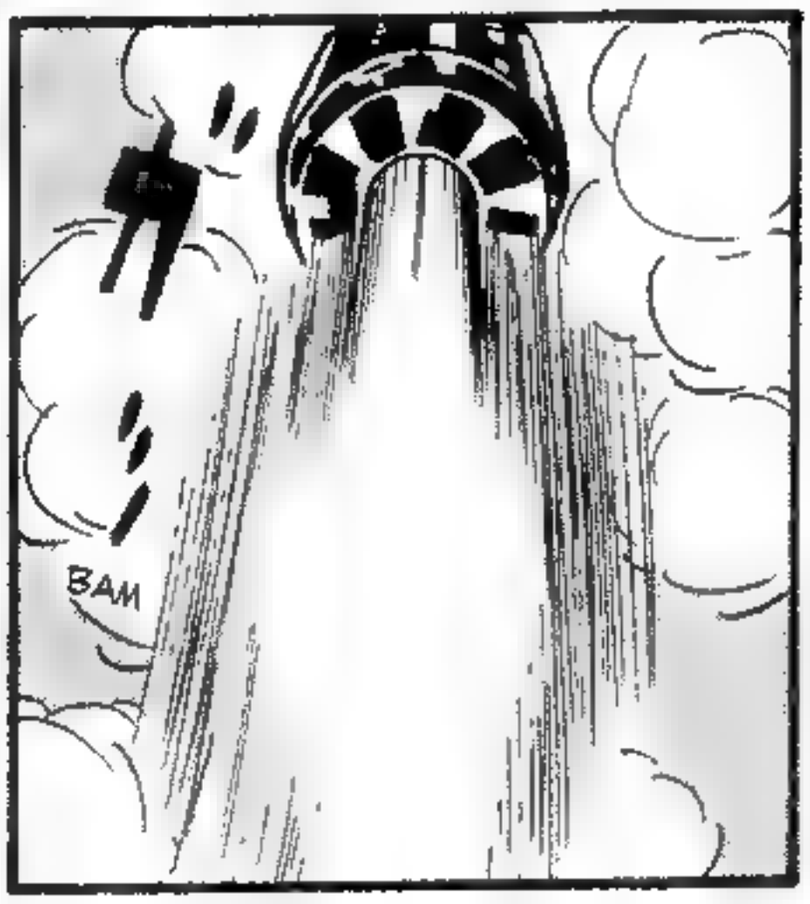
THIS IS ABSURD!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WAH!

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ARE WE DEAD YET?

AH?

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GAK

OH MY GOD!

GULP
ヒク

RAN...!

IT'S HER BROTHER.

COME AGAIN, NOW?

B-BROTHER!

RAN, IT'S ME!

THEY HAVE THEIR REASONS.

WHY YOU? WHY HERE IN ASIA?

THEY RECONSTRUCTED MY BODY AND SET ME LOOSE HERE WITH THIS MACHINE OF DESTRUCTION.

YES! I WAS KIDNAPPED BY BLACK GHOST!

OH BROTHER, HOW COULD YOU?!

...AND TEST THEIR NEW WEAPONS.

THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO WATCH WAR BLOSSOM...

T-THANK YOU!

PSSH

TO

OOH—!!

I'M NOT EVEN HUMAN ANYMORE.

HEY, YOU!

EASY.

DON'T LEAVE!

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER!

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DA

I'M NOTHING BUT A WRETCHED CYBORG!!

I-IT'S HERE!

HEH!

KAK

BLUB

BLUB

RUSTLE

SPLASH

DO

DO

DO

DO

DO

I'M NO LONGER CAPABLE OF A PEACEFUL LIFE. ESPECIALLY HERE.

KAK

KNAFK

THEY BUILT ME FOR WAR, DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

BROTHER!! NO!!

IF I WERE TO TAKE THIS BLACK SUIT OFF, YOU'D SEE.

I'M NOT YOUR BROTHER ANYMORE!

RAN! GO HOME!

VRRM

STOP! YOU'RE STILL MY BROTHER! I NEED YOU!!

BROTHER!!

GO HOME. DON'T LET THEM FIND YOU.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU.

WHERE THERE WERE ONCE EYES, THERE ARE NOW LENSES AND WIRES!

I'M A STEW OF FLESH AND CIRCUITRY.

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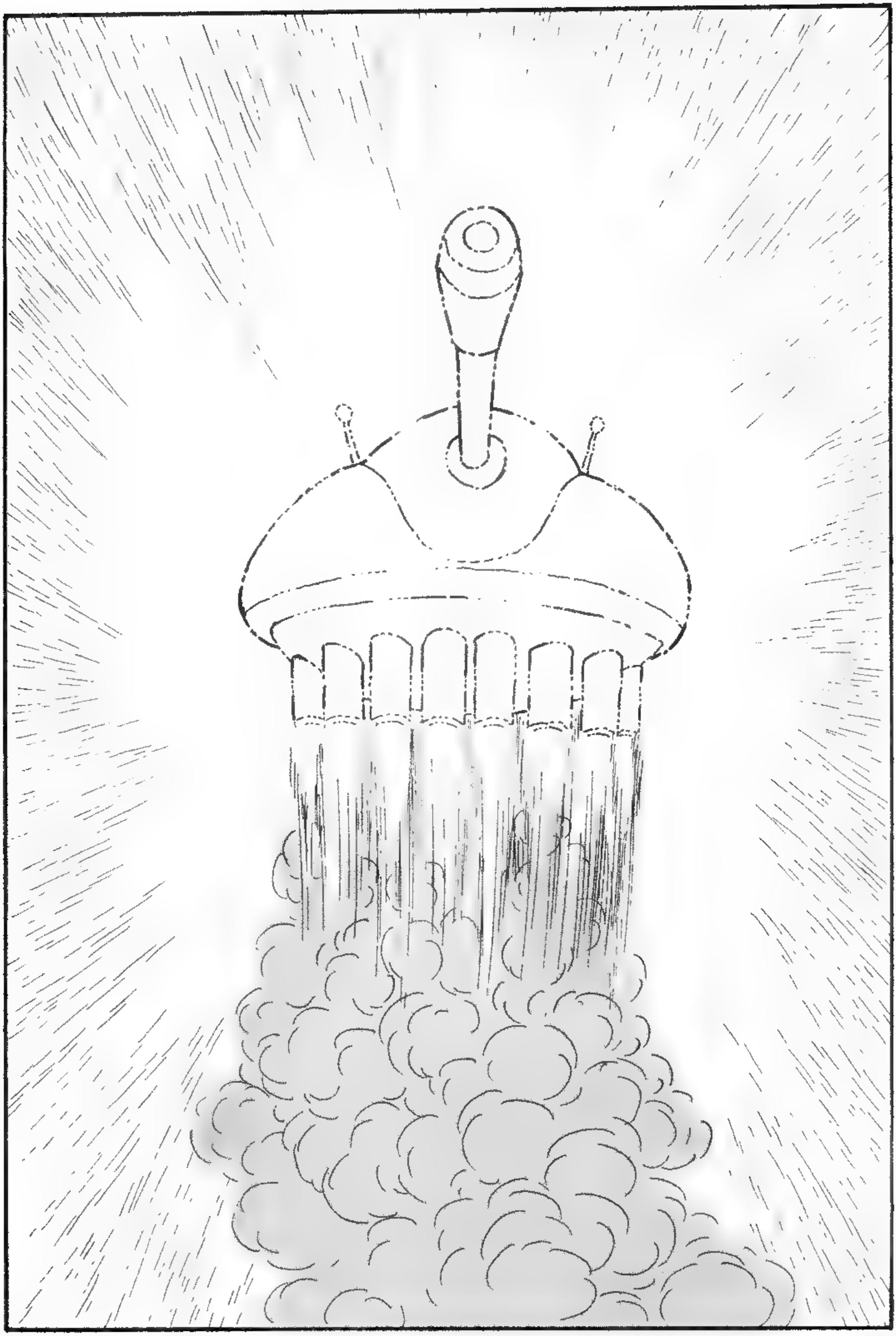
JUST KEEP MY SISTER SAFE. THAT IS ALL I ASK.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THE BLACK GHOST. YOU COULD ALWAYS JOIN US.

BROTHER!!



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NOOOOOOOOO!!

SOB...
SOB...
SOB...

!!.....

BROTHER!

THE BLACK GHOST IS HERE.

RUN!!

UNNN--

HEY, I TOLD HIM I'D KEEP YOU SAFE!

ZAP

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CHAPTER 20
THE MOLE AND THE MOON

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SHLK
HUH?
AH!
ZAA

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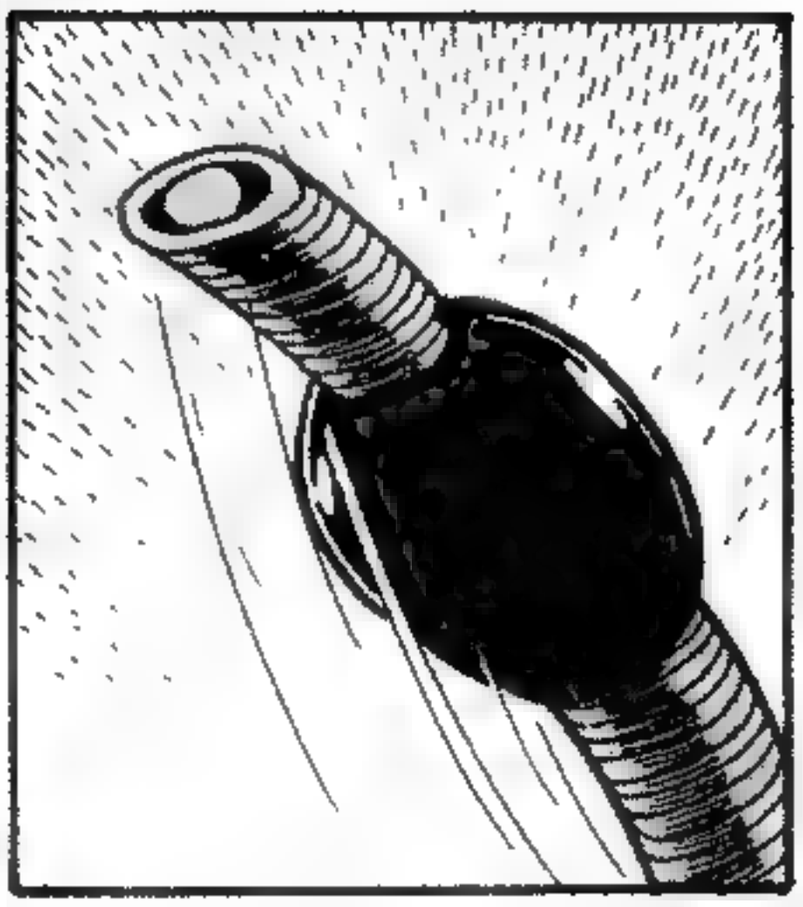

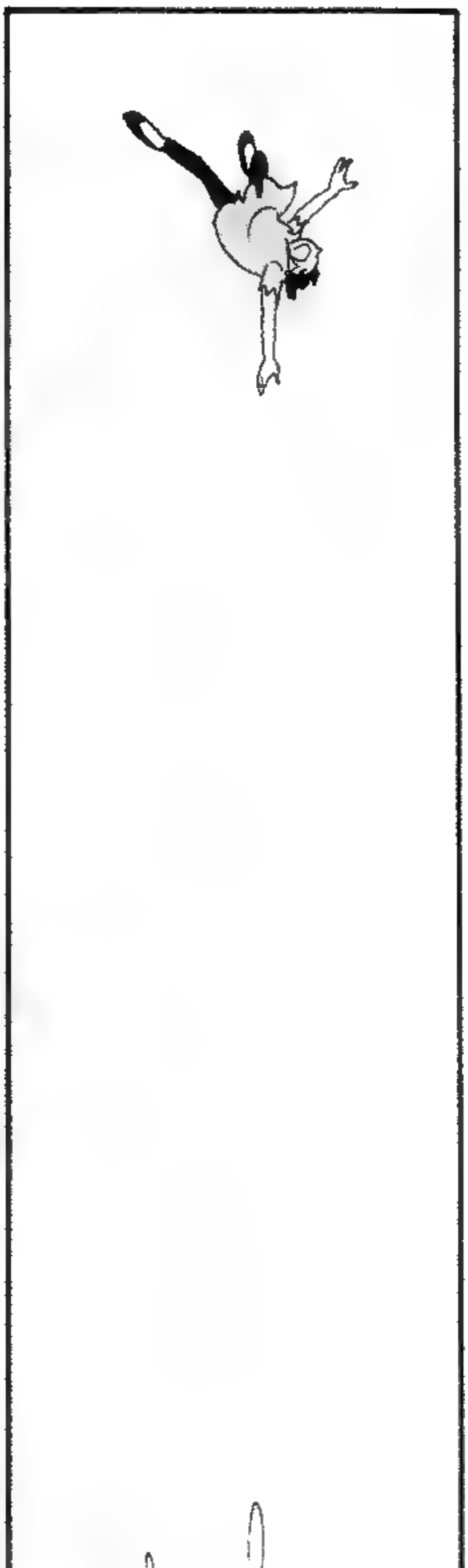

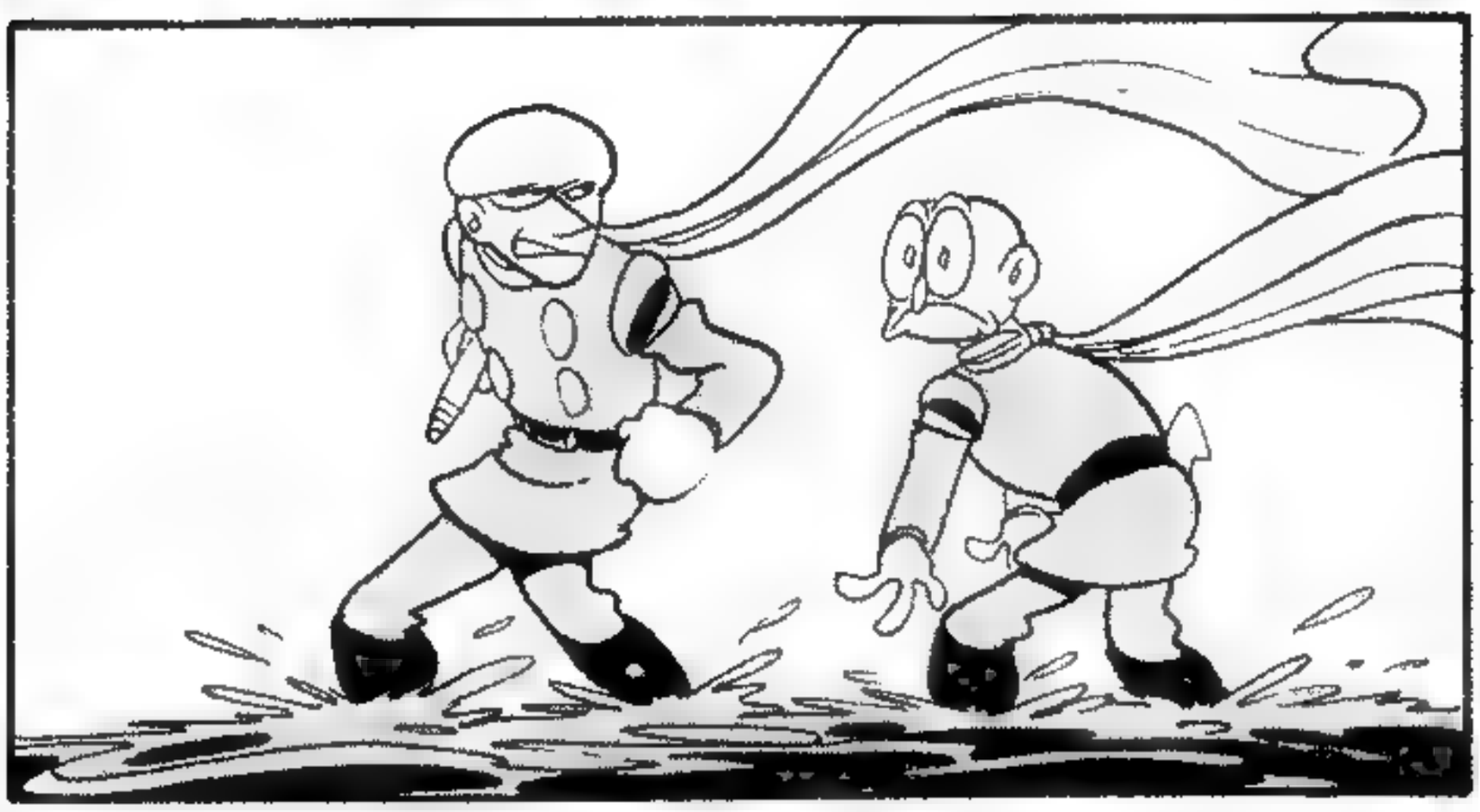

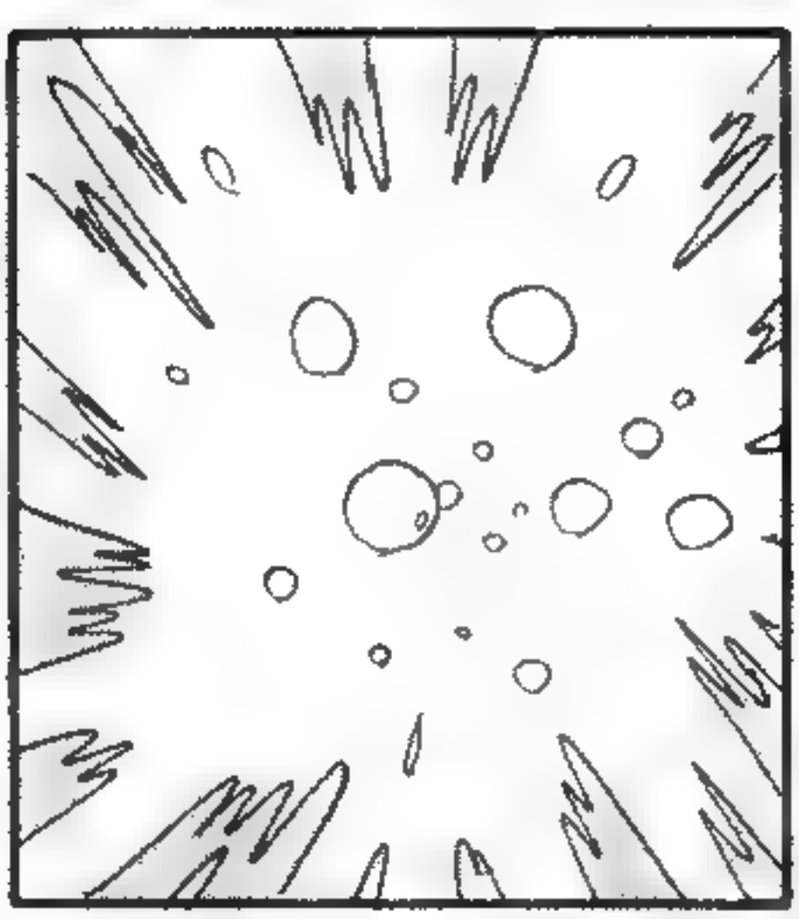

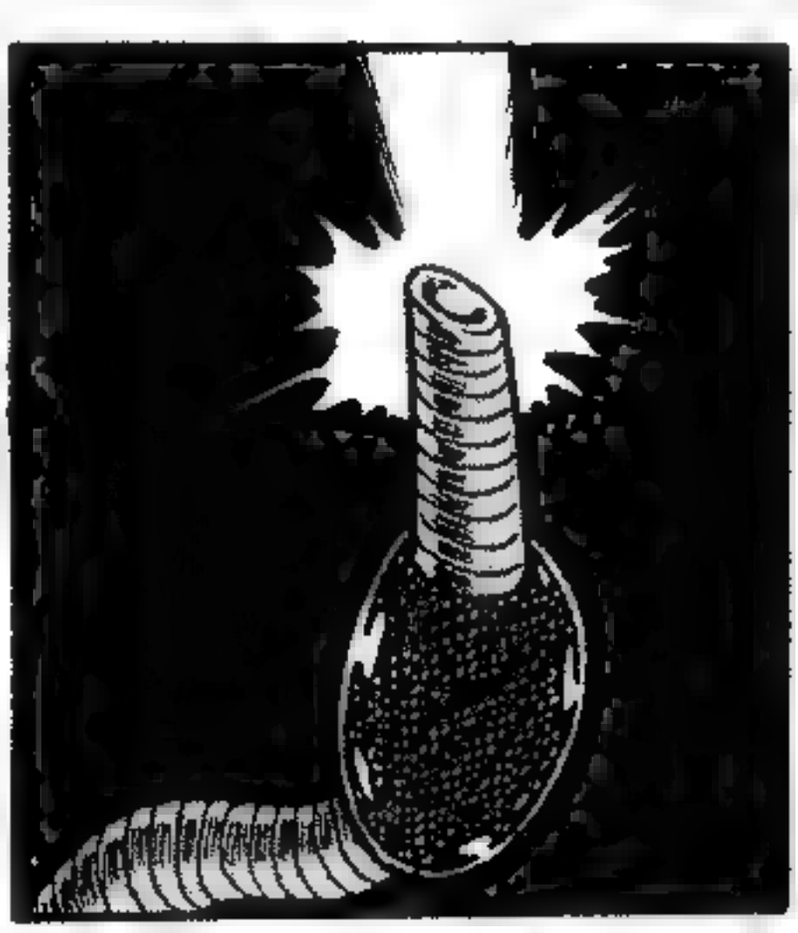

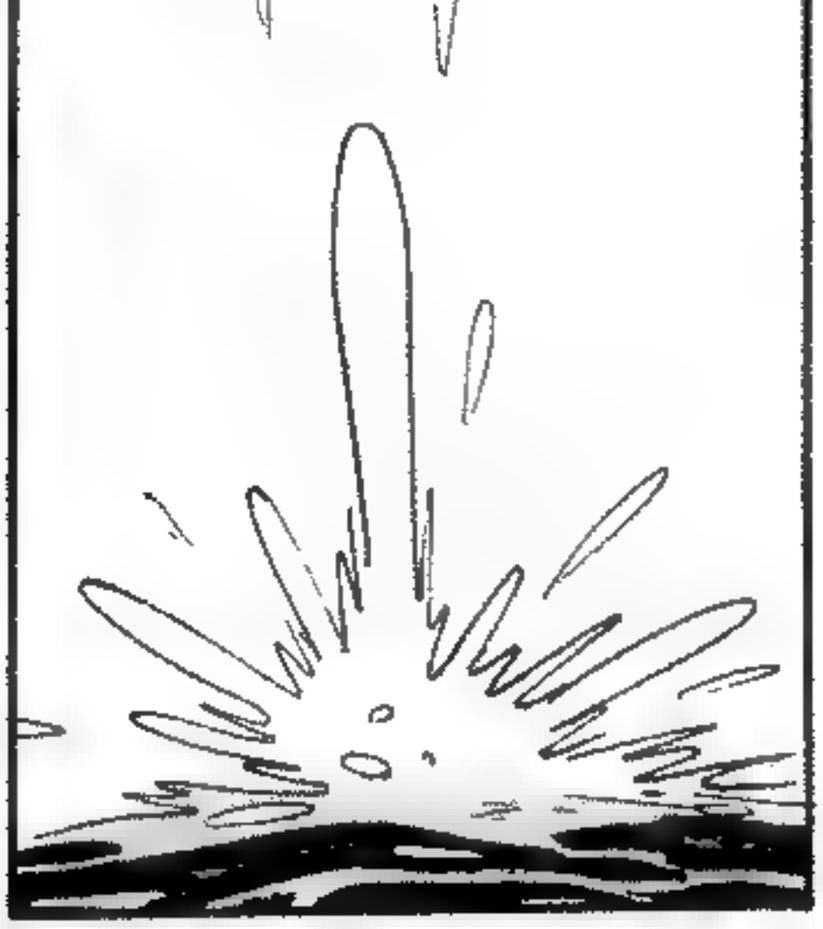

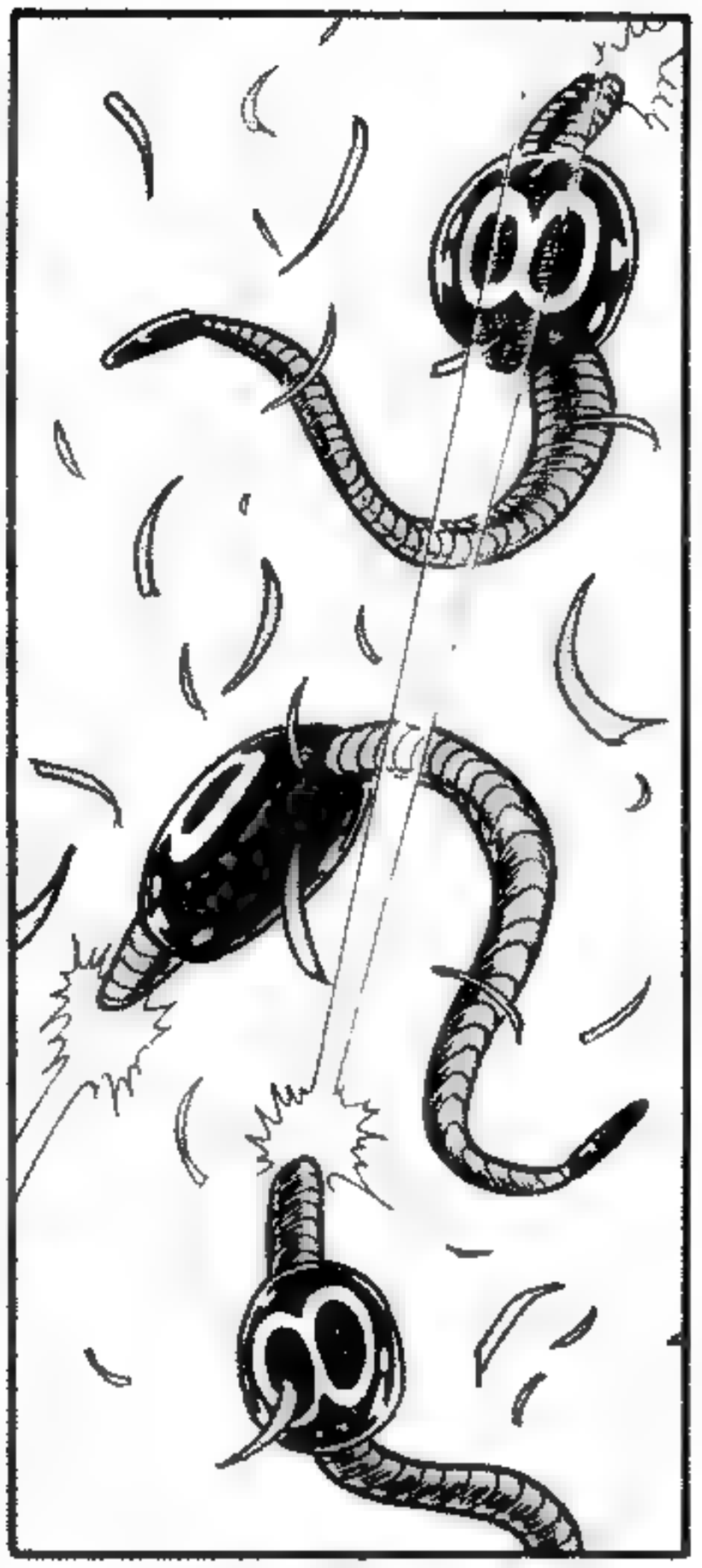

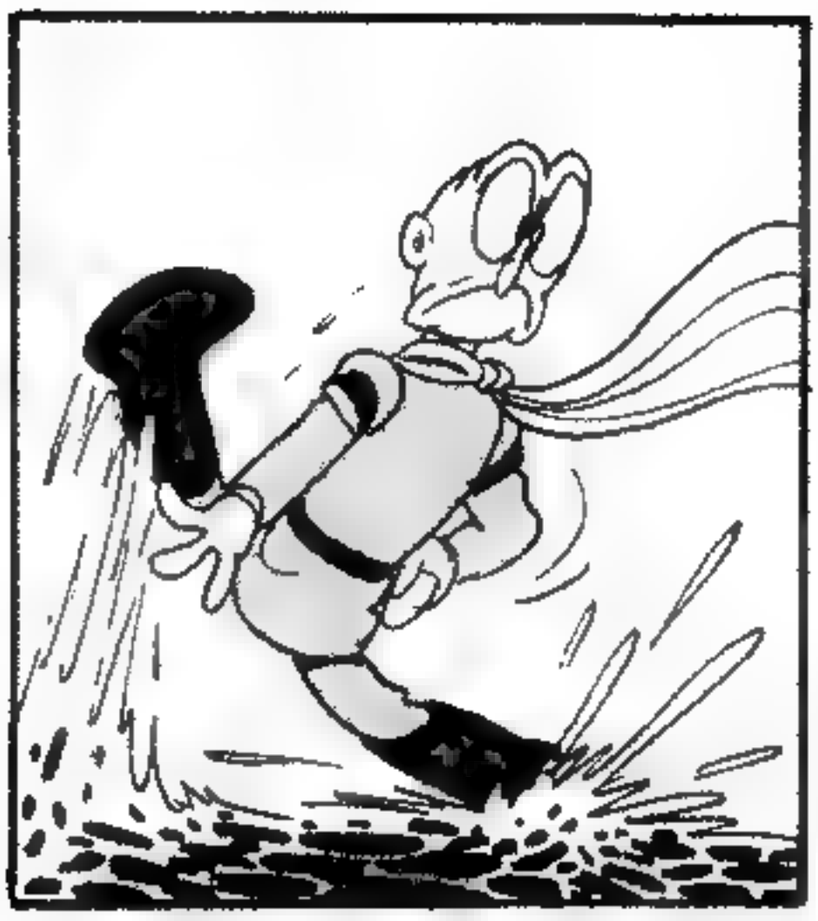

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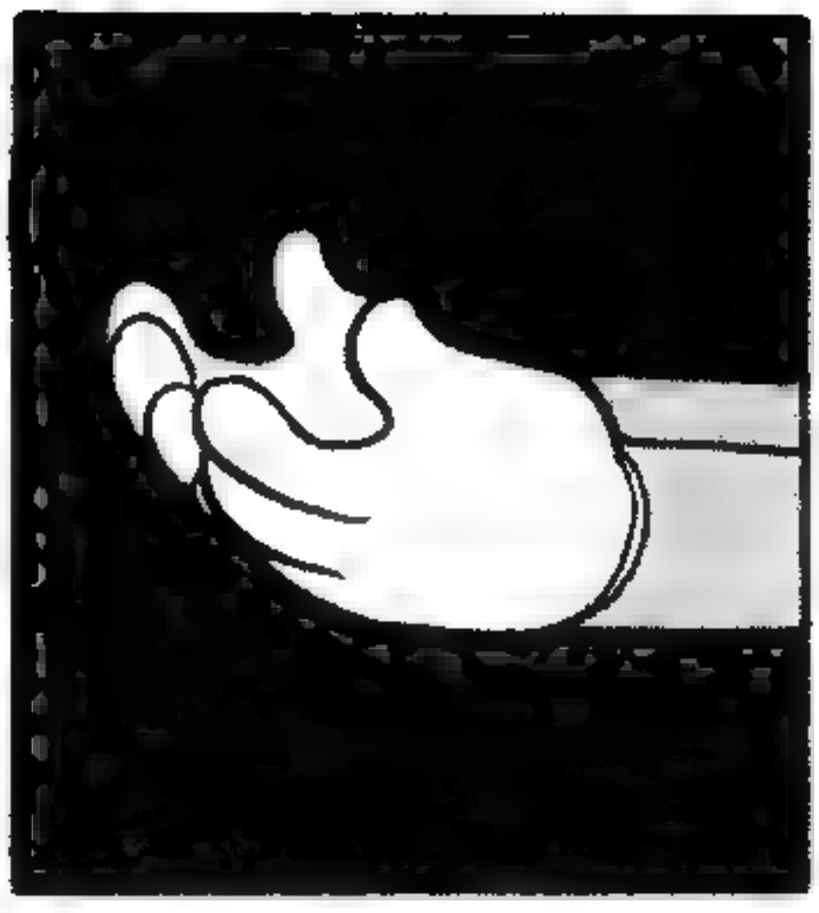

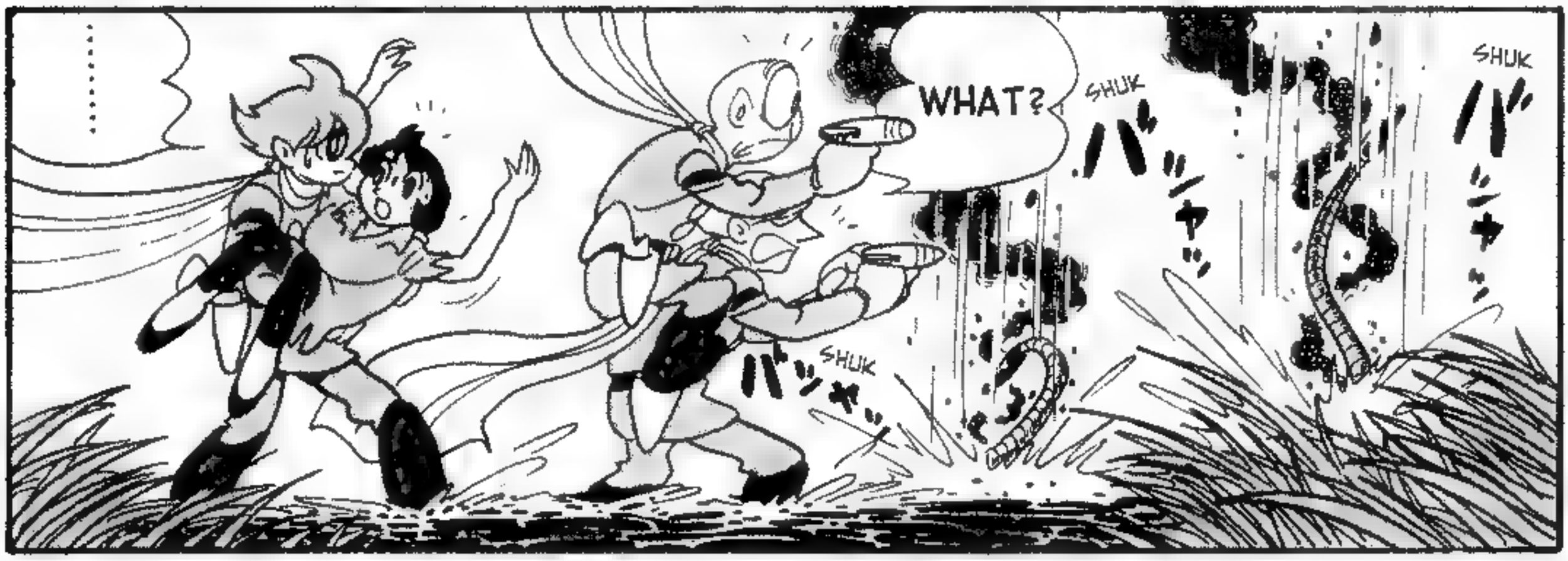
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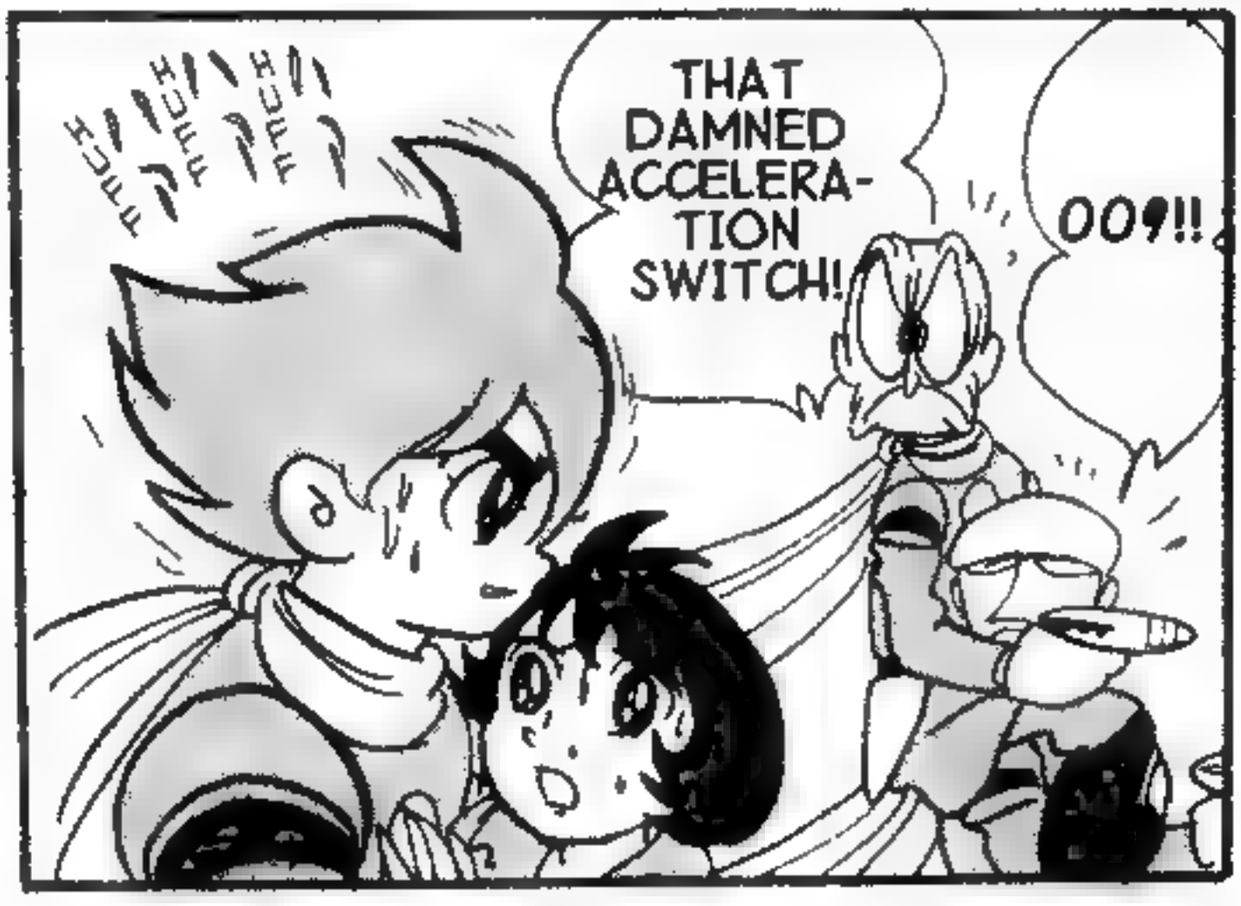
ARE YOU OKAY?


THAT DAMNED ACCELERA-TION SWITCH!
OOH!!

SO I HURLED YOU IN THE AIR...

CHAK

...AND WHILE THE WEAPON WAS TRACKING YOU...

I COULDN'T KEEP YOU IN MY HANDS THROUGH THE FIGHT.

DON'T BE SCARED, RAN.

AH... AH.

WHEW, THAT WAS A SHOCK.

...AND DESTROYED IT BEFORE ANY HARM COULD COME TO YOU.

BZZT

...I SNUCK UP ON IT...

YEOW, THE BUGGER COULDA KILLED ME.

LOOK. IT'S A LASER GUN.

ZAA

HEH HEH HEH.

THE BUGGER COULD HAVE KILLED US!

HURRY. WE'RE NOT SAFE HERE.

THE SWAMP COULD BE FULL OF THOSE THINGS.

IT'S ONLY DRIFT-WOOD.

WILL YOU RELAX?

IT'S THEM!

YIKES!

BRRR! THIS BOG MUST BE FULL OF CREEPY CRAWLIES!

.....

...AS A PEACEFUL VILLAGE IN VIETNAM NOW.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING...

PEACE-FUL VILLAGE?

WE'LL LEAVE YOU AT THE NEXT PEACEFUL VILLAGE WE FIND.

IT...IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

AND NOW, OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME INVOLVED.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY ANYONE IS FIGHTING.

WE WERE A NATION OF PEACEFUL PEOPLE. NOW THE WORLD IS HELPING US TEAR OURSELVES APART.

WE ARE ALL POOR. WE ARE ALL STARVING. WE ARE ALL DYING.

I NEED THEM BACK! SOB!

...MY BROTHER... MY FAMILY... WOULD NOT HAVE DIED!!

IF THIS WAR... DIDN'T HAPPEN...

I'M SORRY, RAN.

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

SHP

SHHF

VEEN

MORE WORMS.

WHAT IS IT?

THERE!

SHUK
SHUK
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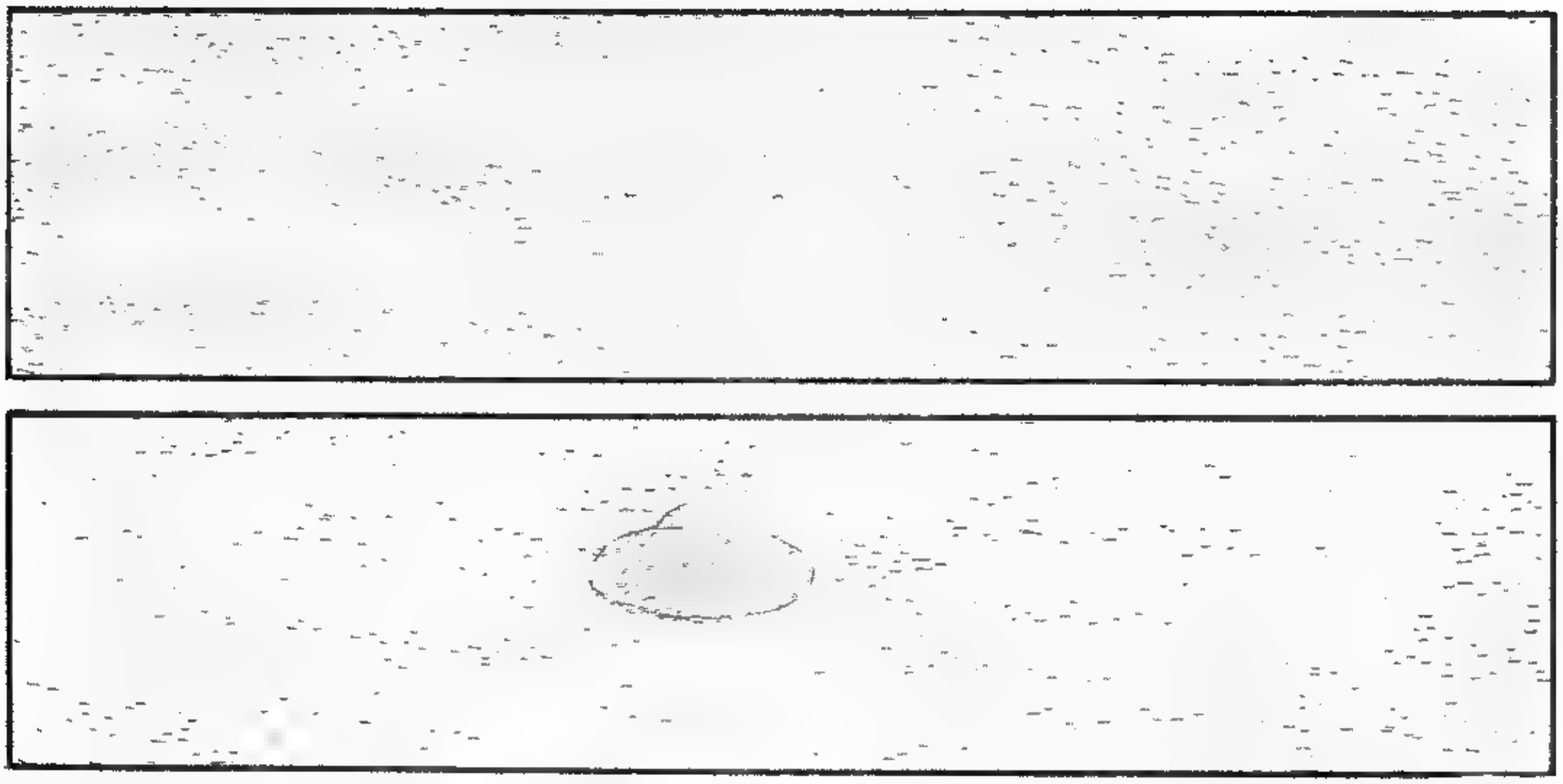
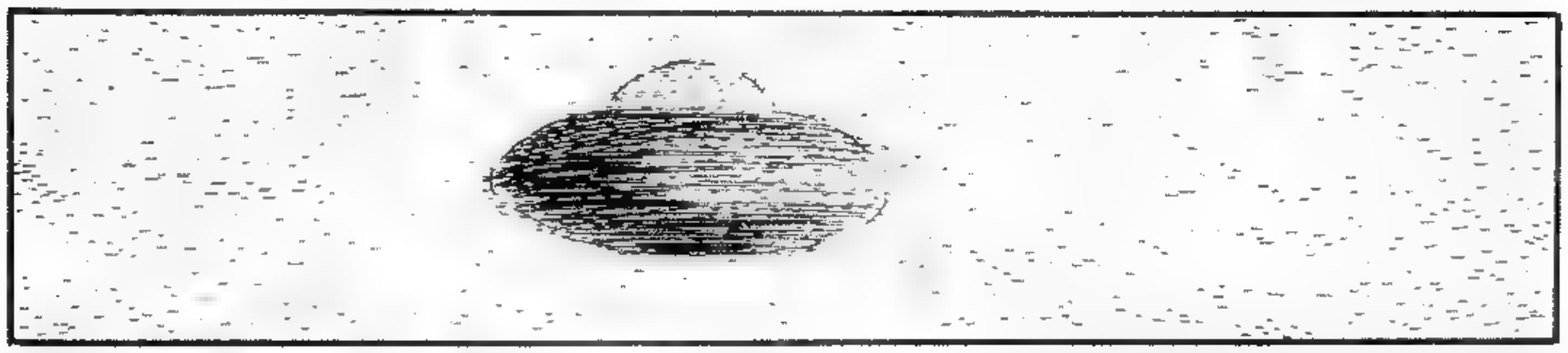
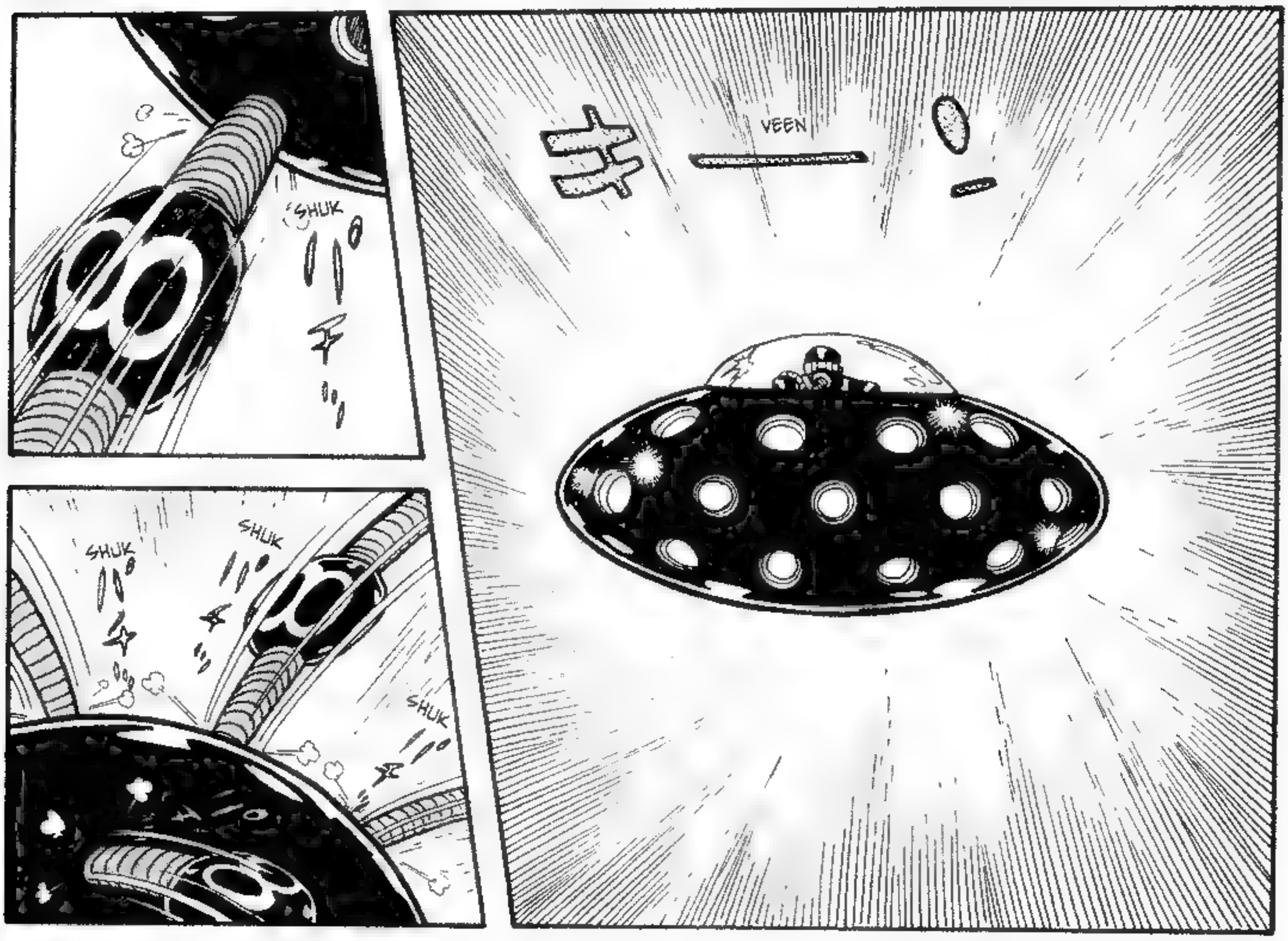
HUH!
SPLASH
RUN!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!
VEEN



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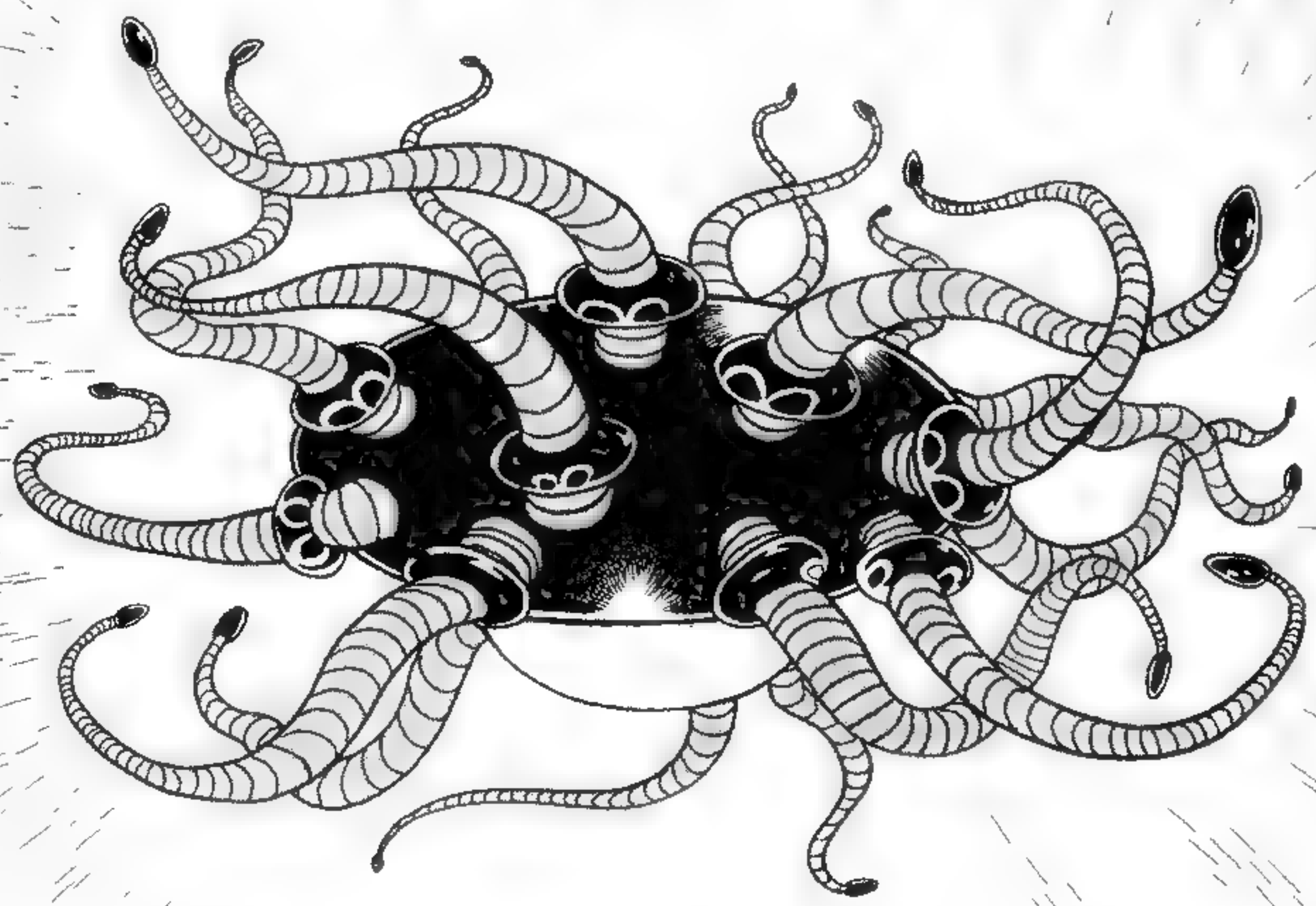

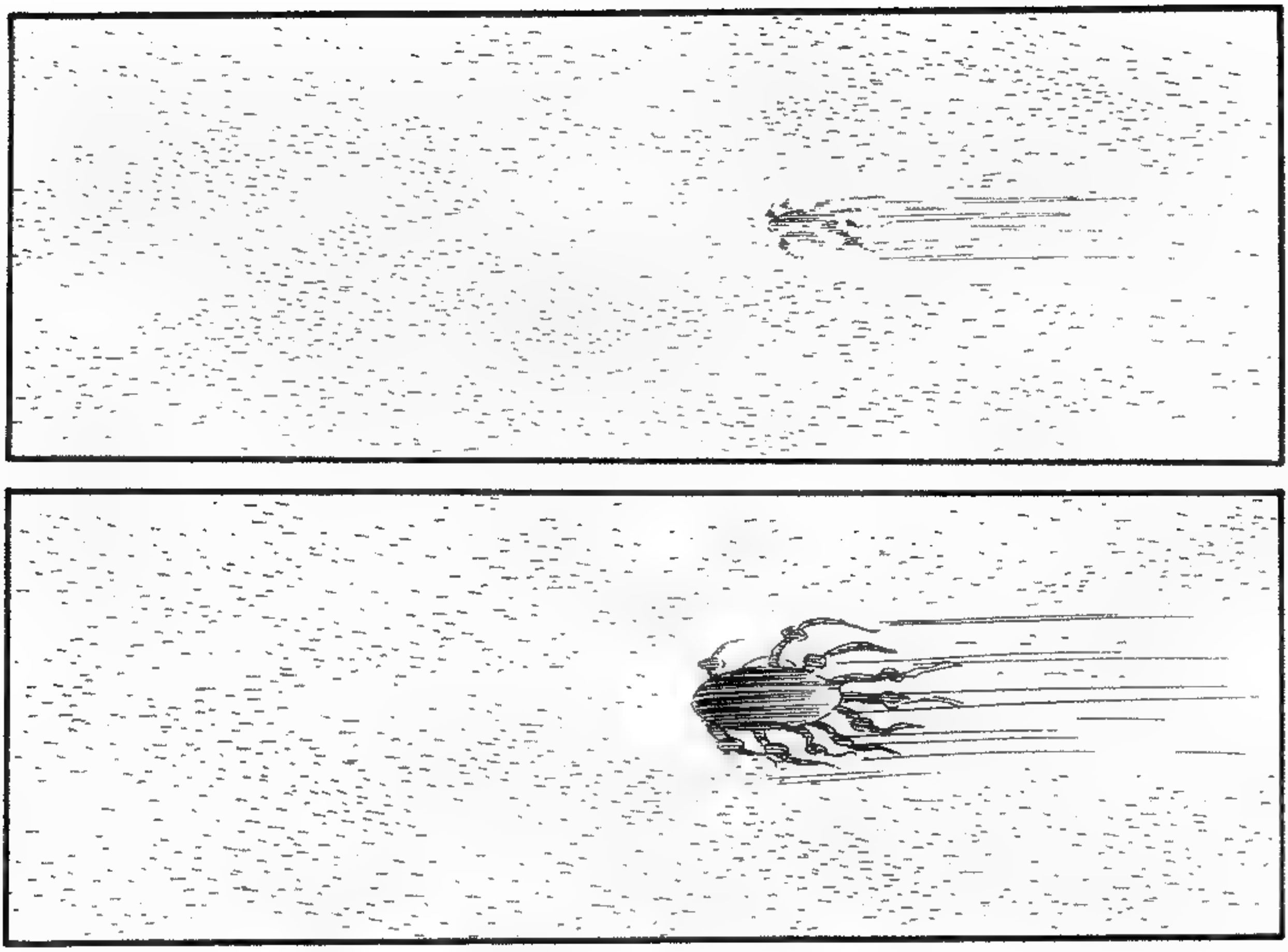

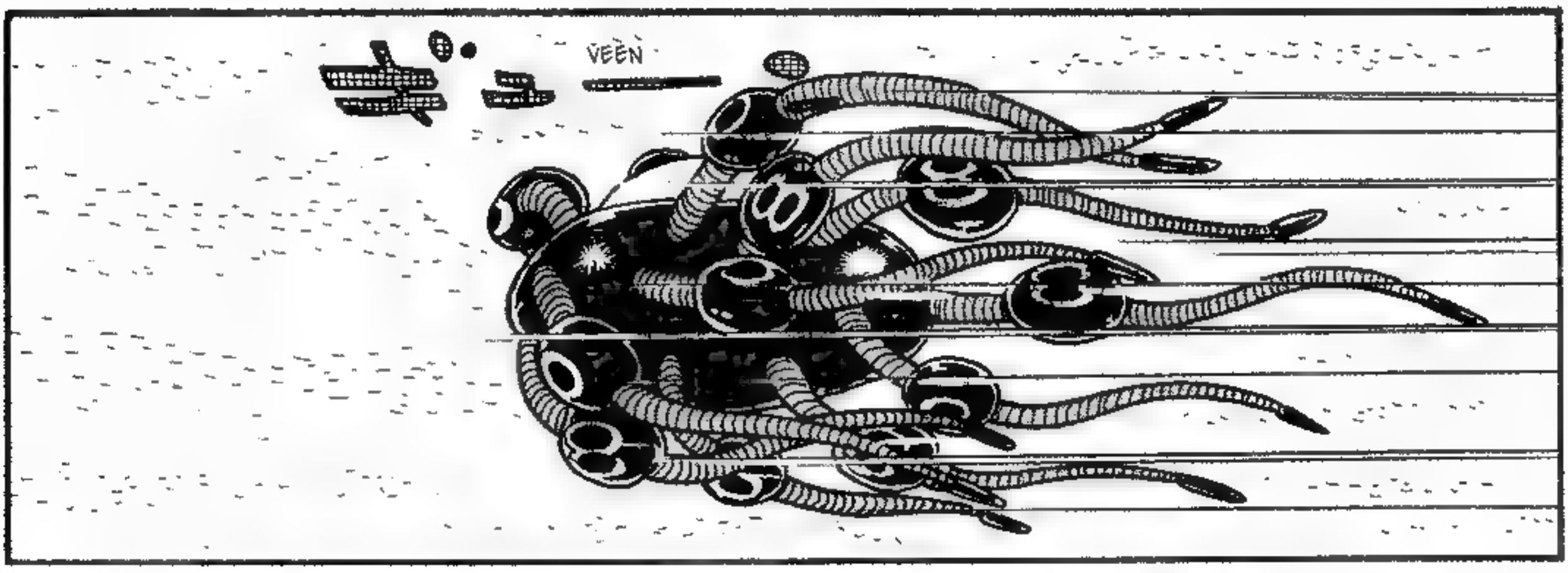
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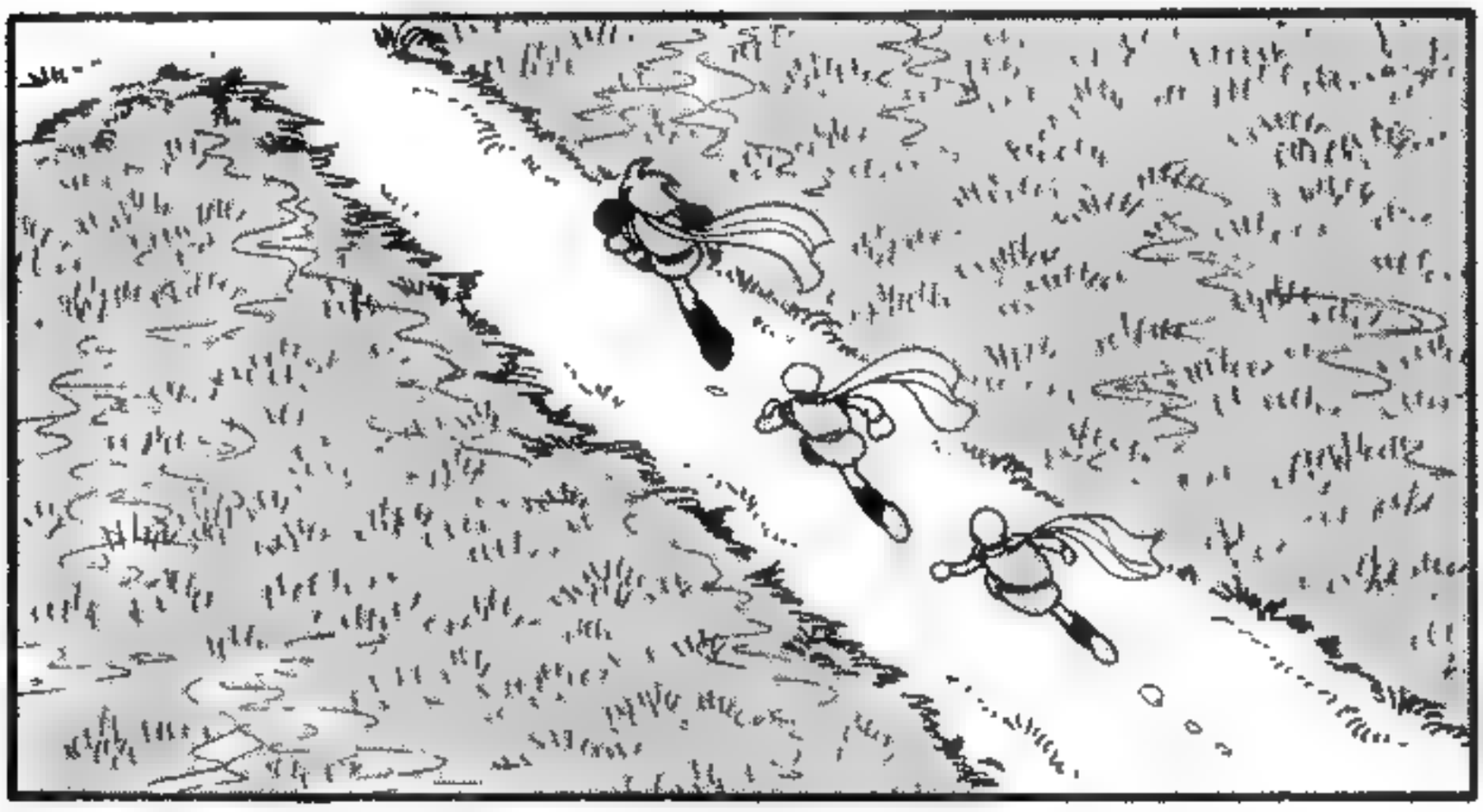

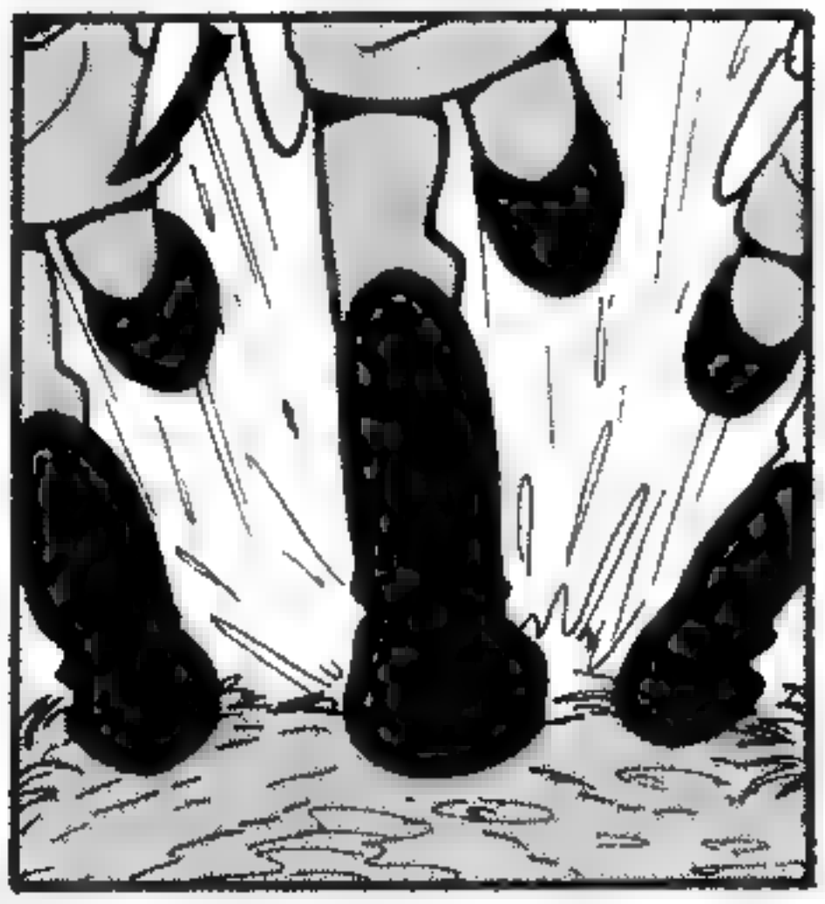

VOOM

WATCH OUT!

THERE'S NO PLACE TO HIDE.

I CAN'T! I CAN'T ACCELERATE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. IT'LL KILL HER.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US! JUST GET RAN OUT OF HERE.

OOH! YOUR ACCELERATION SWITCH!

VOOM

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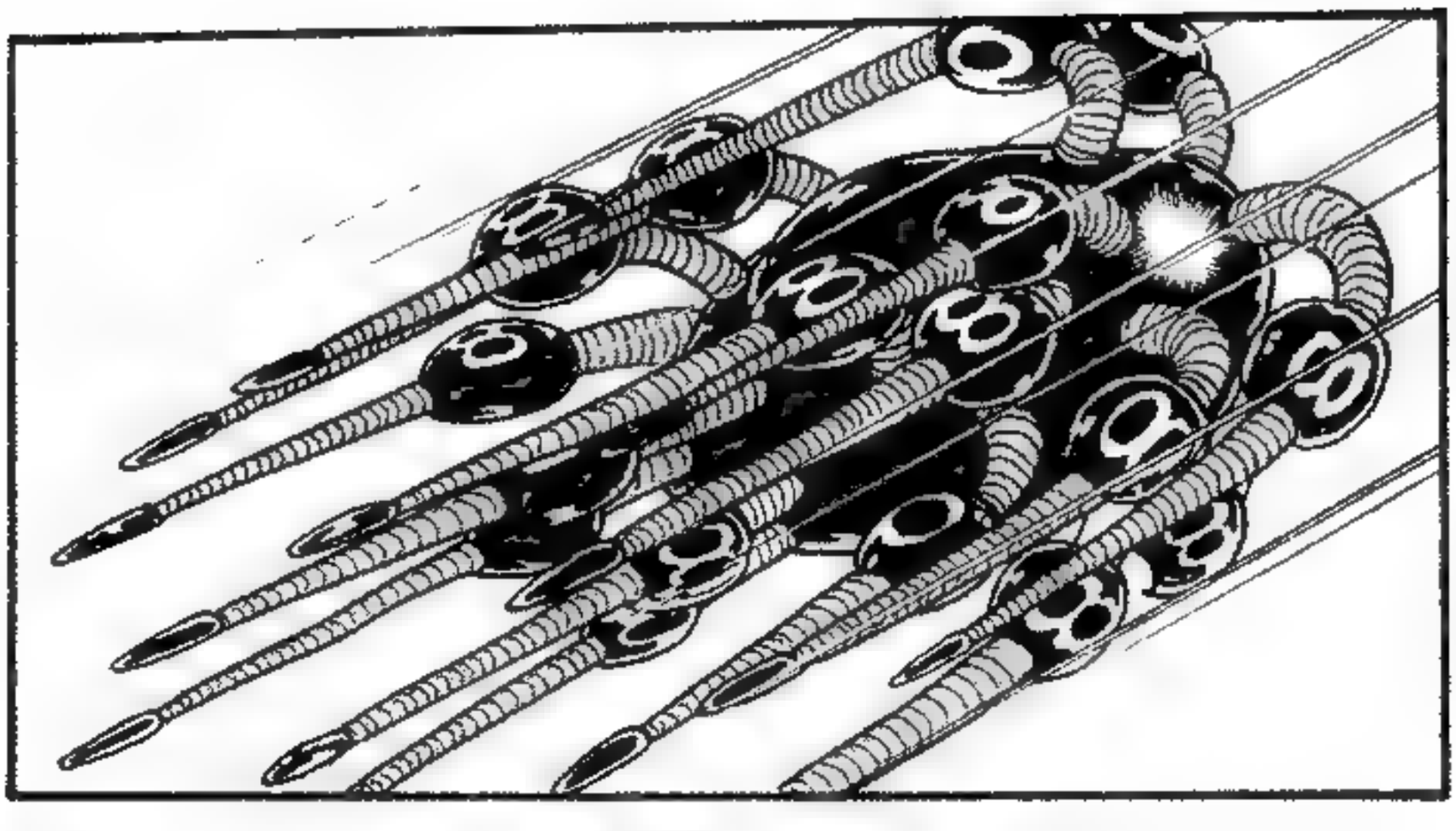
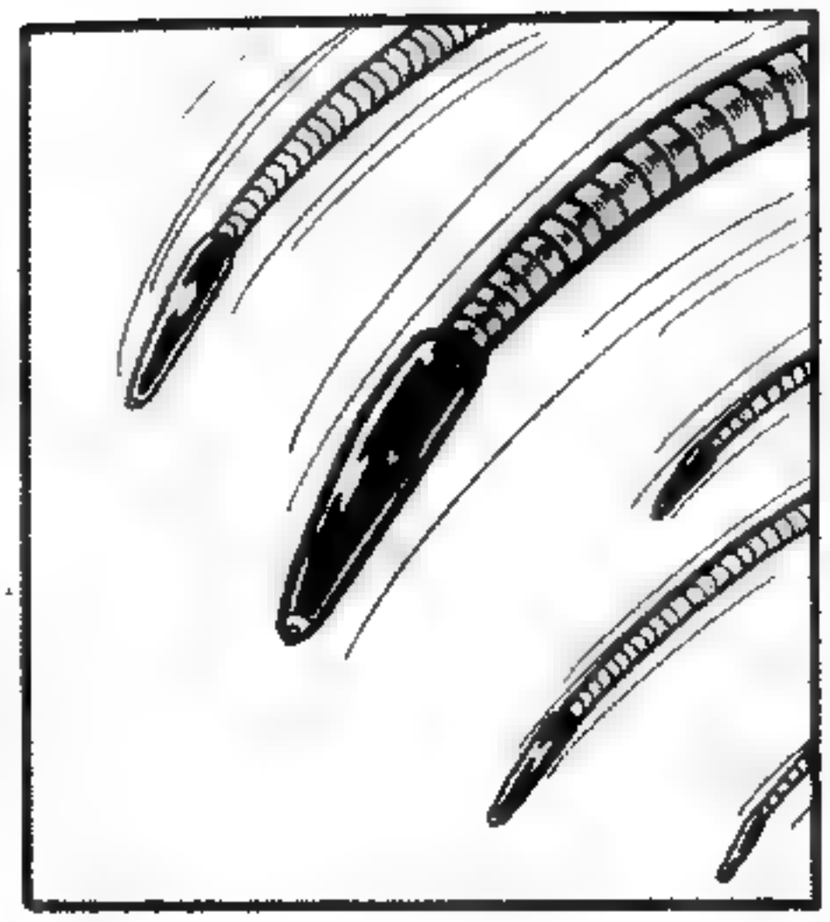
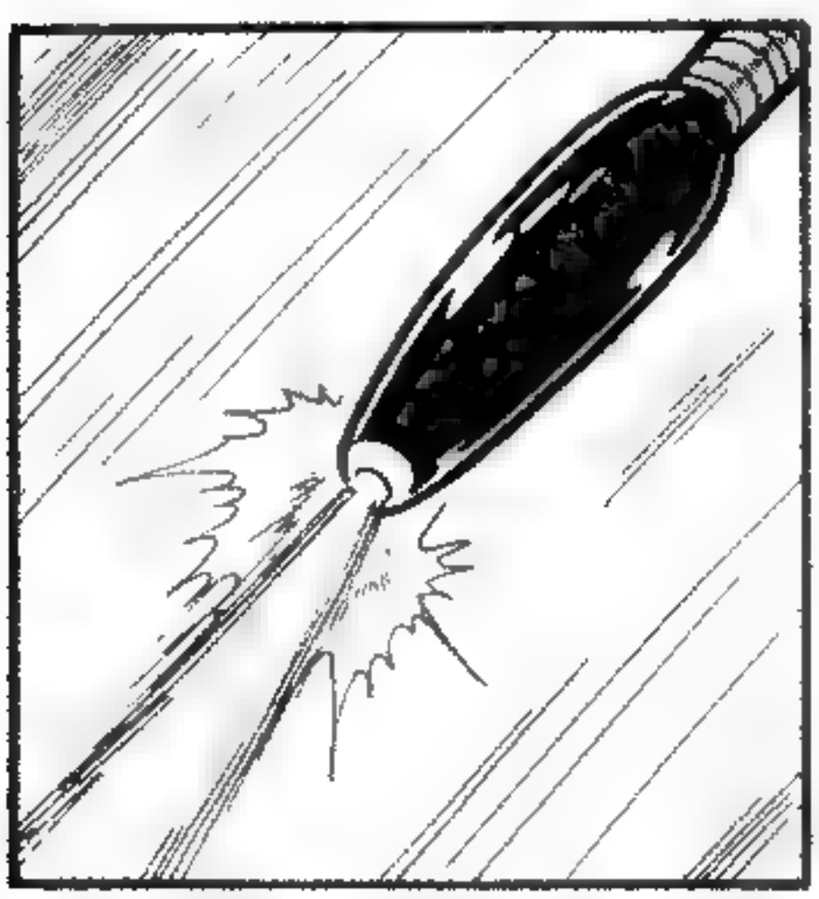
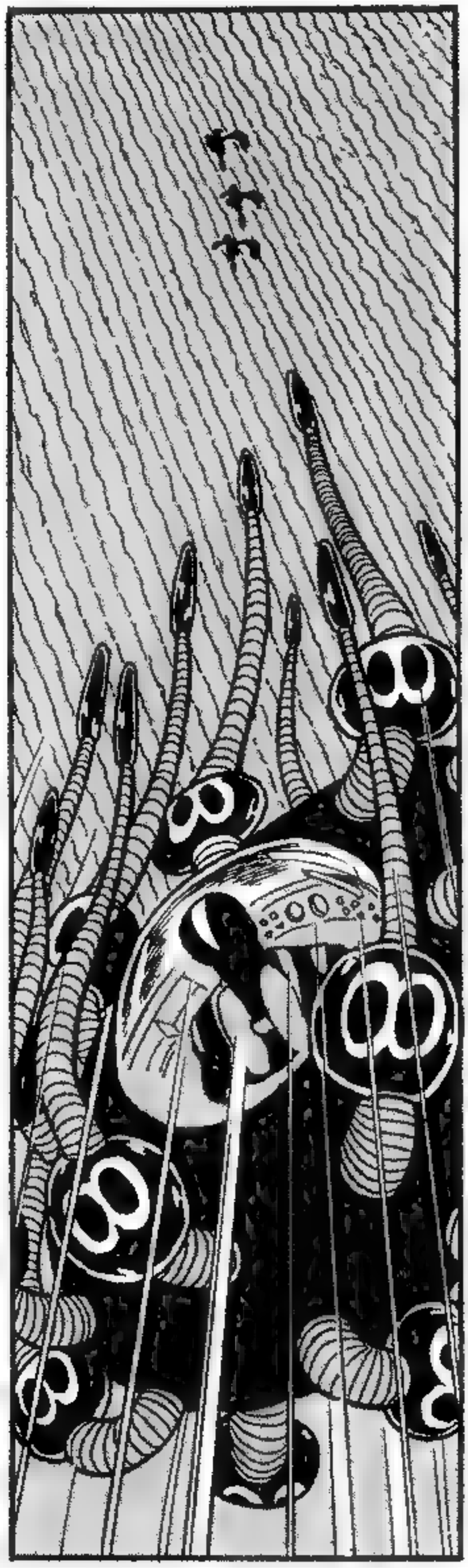
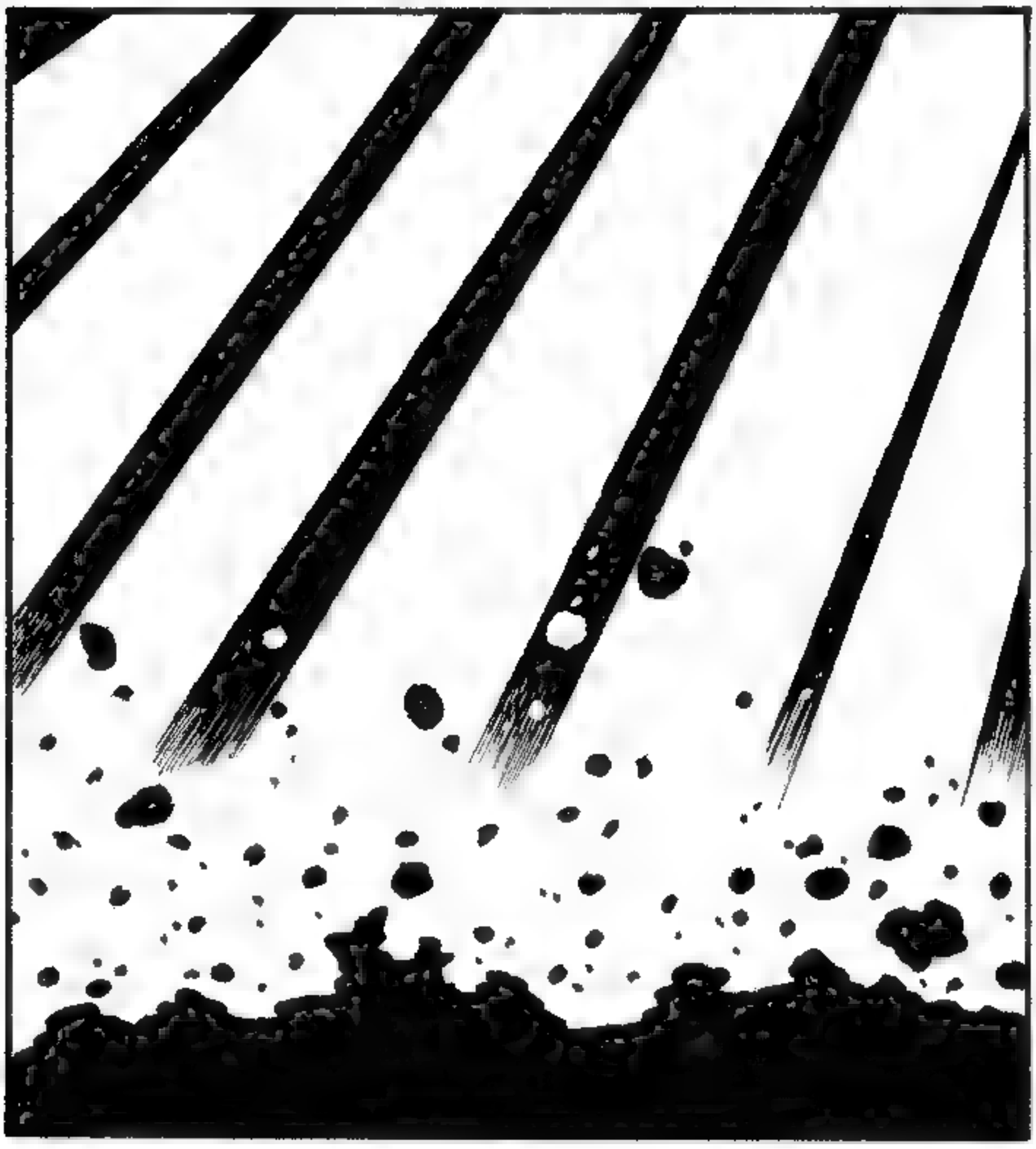






THEY'RE TOO HIGH UP! OUR WEAPONS WON'T REACH.
LET'S BLAST 'EM!





VEEN

HMM!

THE BLACK GHOST WILL NOT TOLERATE TRAITORS.

WHAM

UGH.

009!

003! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

006!

HEY! SAY YOUR HELLOS AFTER YA GET YOUR BUMS OFF ME!

OOF, UGH.

I DIDN'T THINK I'D EVER SEE YOU AGAIN.

WE WERE TRACKING THAT STRANGE AIRCRAFT AND YOU WERE JUST THERE.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME. IT'S WAY TOO DANGEROUS.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE, 009! I WAS SO WORRIED.

SO, WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK OF THE HOLE I DUG FOR YOU?

I'M SURE HE CAN USE SOME HELP.

WHAT? BY HIMSELF?!

HE'S STILL UP THERE FIGHTING THAT MACHINE.

WAIT! SHOULDN'T 002 BE WITH YOU?

YEAH. YOU'D BE PART OF IT IF 006 HADN'T MADE THAT HOLE YOU FELL INTO.

WOW! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THIS CRATER!!

WSSH

WHERE IS 002?

VOOM

OVER THERE!

ZOOM

BZZT

BZZT

BZZT

WOOSH

I'VE NEVER SEEN SPEED LIKE THAT!

VOOM

KLIK

OFF

ON

TIME TO SLOW HIM DOWN.

SHUK

SHUK

SHUK

PSSH

DODGE THESE! HAH HAH HAH!

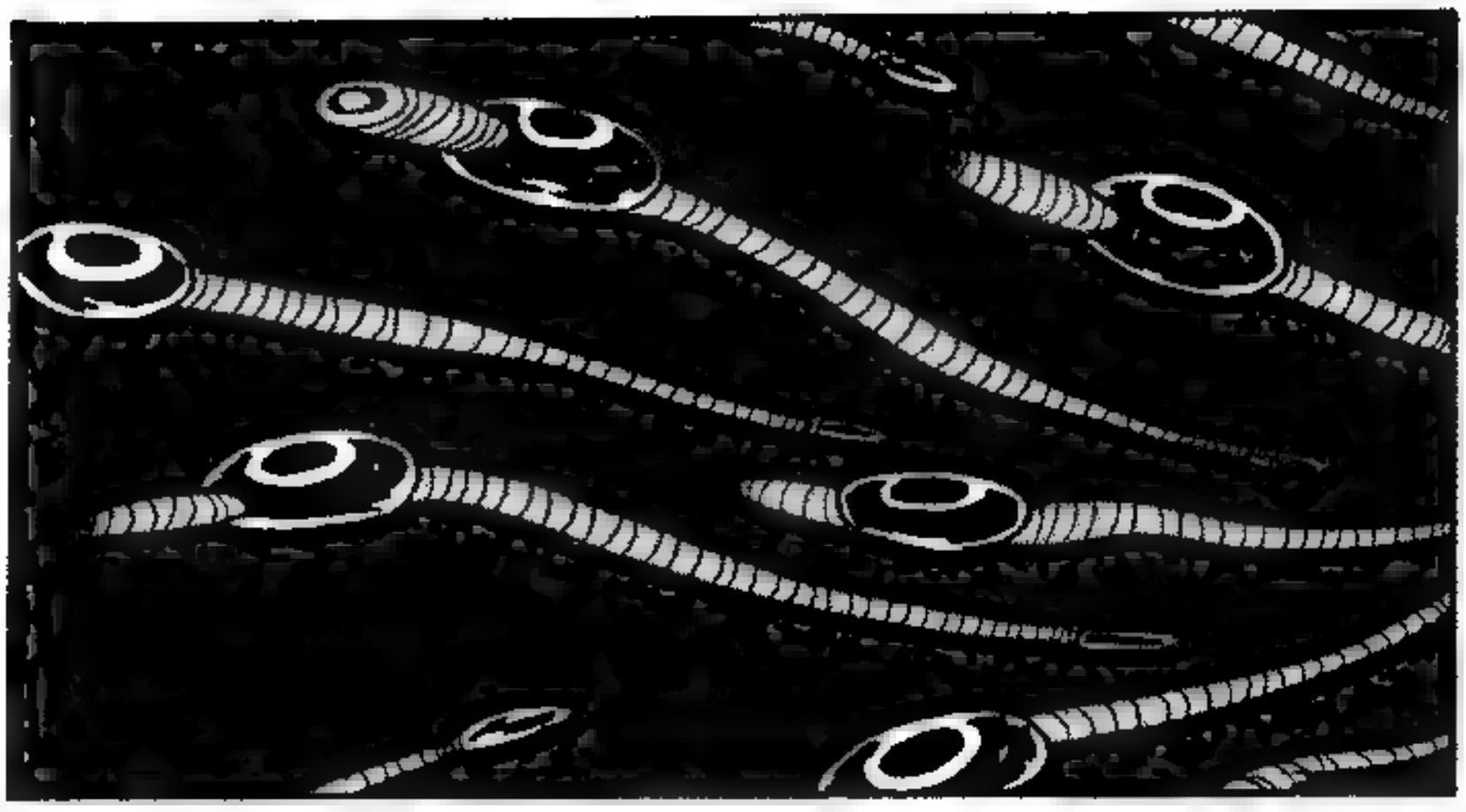
CHAK

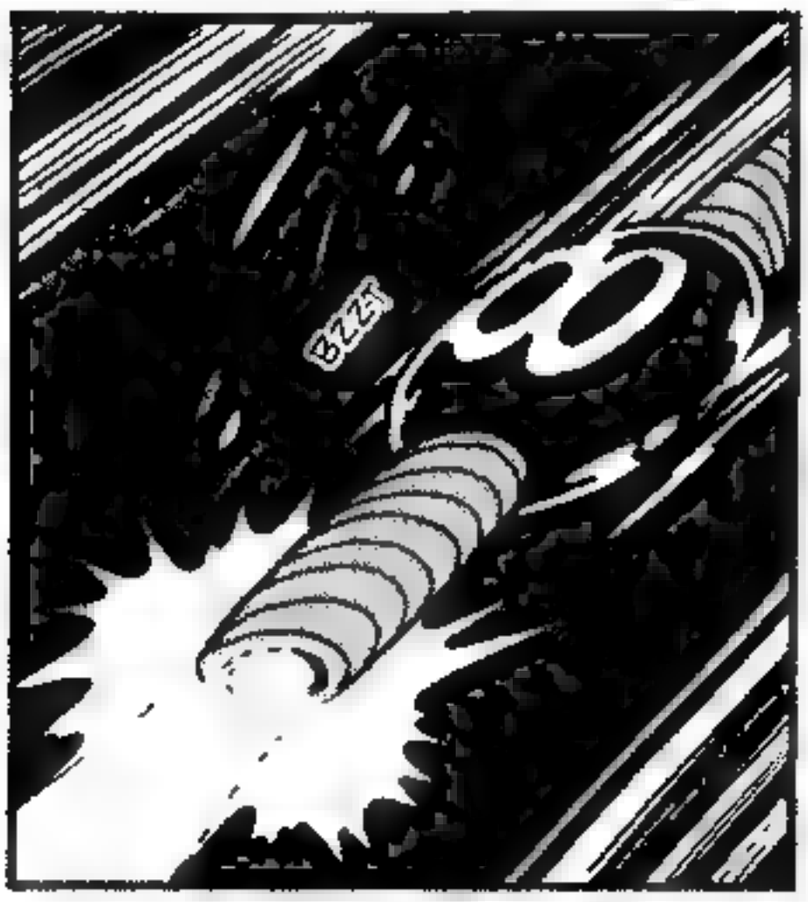
CHAK

CHAK

HM...

GANGING UP ON ME, EH?

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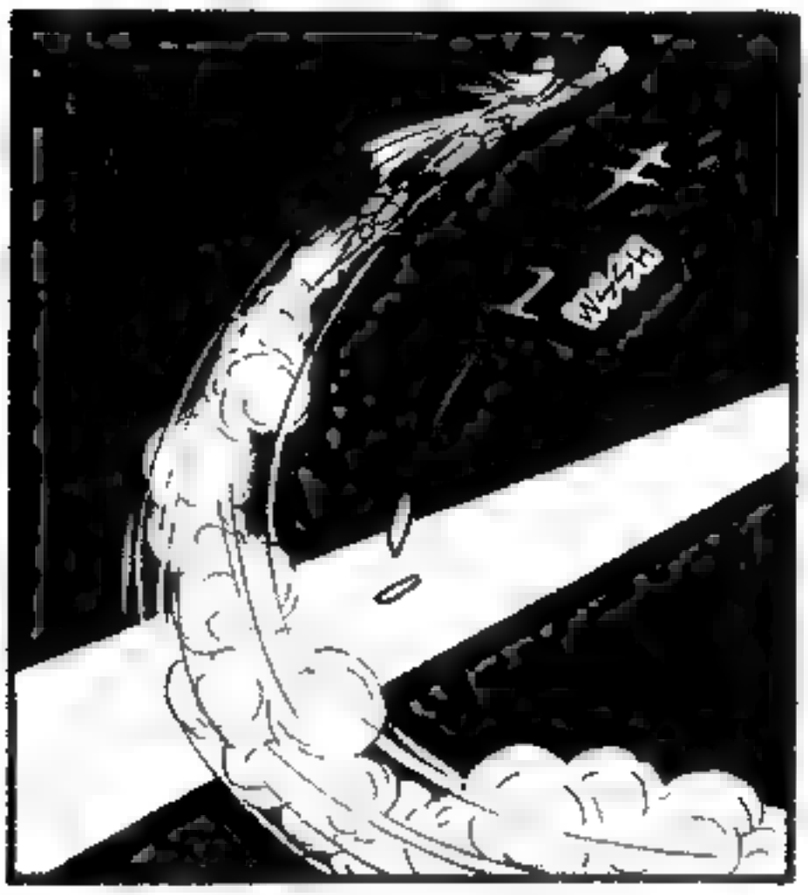
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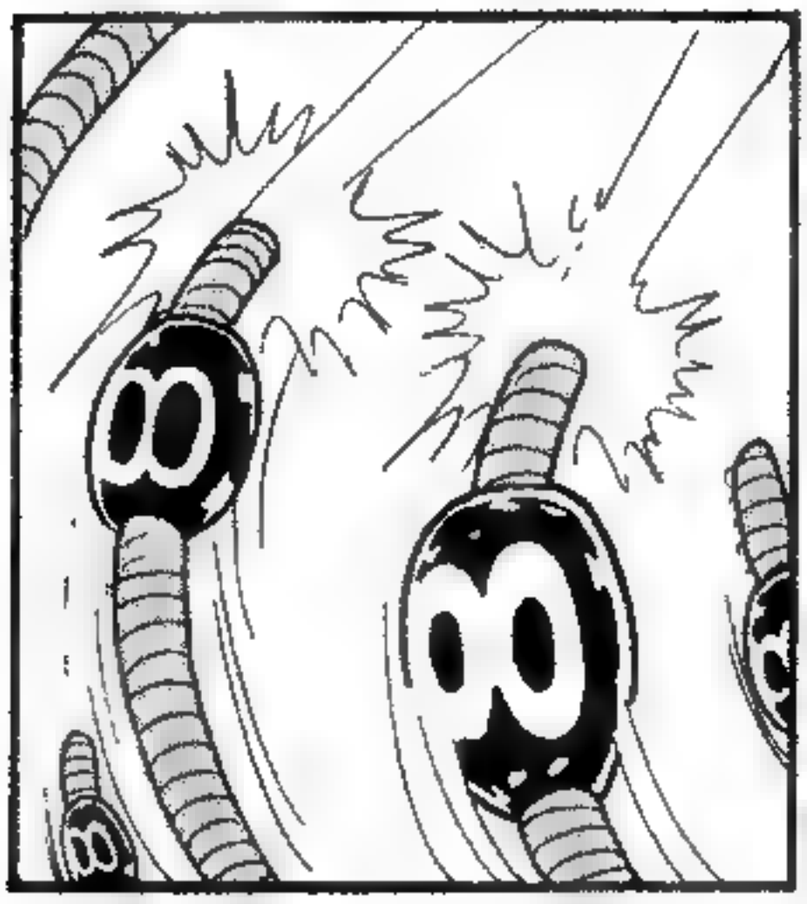

VOOM

WISH

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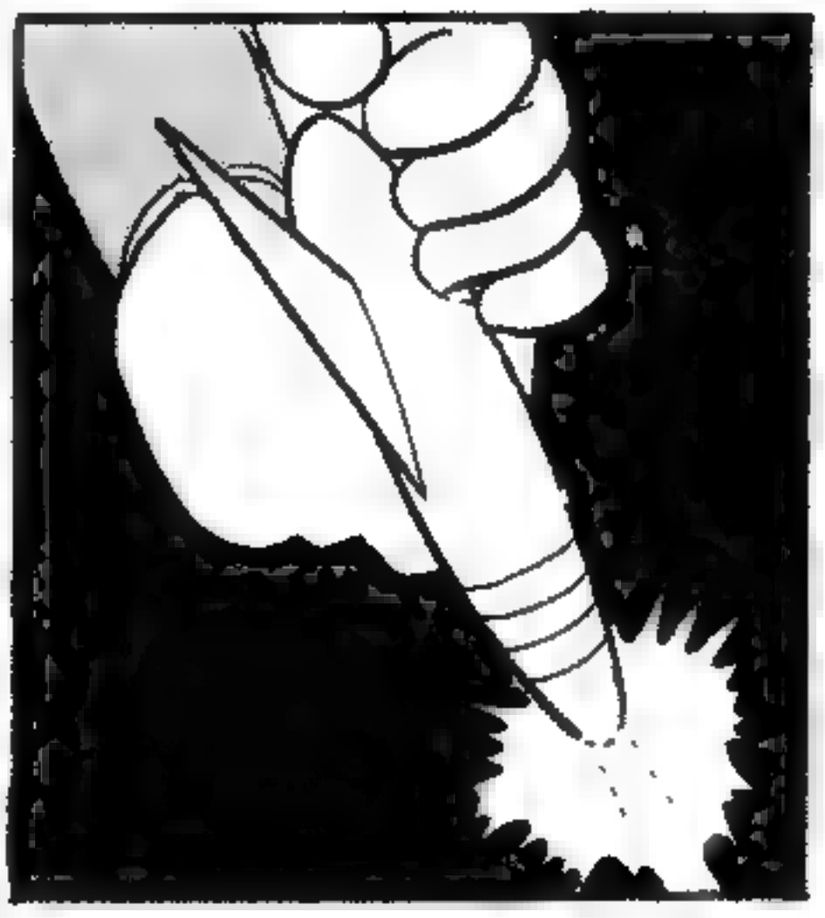
HUH?

HA
HA
HA!

ARGH!

BOOM

URGH...



002!
NO!

002!!

CRUNCH

WHAM

GAASH

UGH
...

WATCH OUT!

パシュ!

PASHU

002!!

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THEY WERE RENDERED USELESS AS SOON AS 002 BLEW UP THAT AIRCRAFT.

THEY'RE NOT RETREATING. THEY NEED A HOST.

HMM.

THEY'RE RETREATING?

BUT...

THERE'S NOTHING CLOSE. NOT THAT I CAN SEE.

.....

003, MAYBE YOU CAN SPOT IT.

THERE MUST BE ANOTHER ONE NEARBY. THEY ALL FLEW IN THAT DIRECTION.

I'LL SURVIVE. BUT THEY TOOK OUT MY JETS.

002! YOUR LEG! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THAT'S JUST DANDY.

AND THANKS FOR THE PATCH UP, JOE.

I CAN SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE HEADED THIS WAY.

BUT WHAT...?

HOPEFULLY, THEY'RE JUST FARMERS... BUT THEY COULD BE VIET CONG GUERILLAS.

UNHH... THANKS...

THIS SHOULD SECURE THE AMPUTATION.

OKAY.

004, USE YOUR ELECTRON KNIFE TO SEVER 002'S MUFFLER.

MAKE SURE HIS NUTRITION PIPE ISN'T LEAKING.

WAIT!

WHEN WE REACH A TREE WE'LL MAKE YOU SOME CRUTCHES.

I'LL TRY. LOSING A LEG IS GONNA REALLY SLOW ME DOWN.

HANG IN THERE. WE'LL GET YOU FULLY REPAIRED ONCE WE GET BACK TO DR. GILMORE.

STAND DOWN, EVERYONE.

WHAT NOW?

I'LL TRY.

RAN, CAN YOU TELL THEM WE MEAN THEM NO HARM?

MAYBE WE CAN BECOME ALLIES.

WHO KNOWS?

WHO ARE YOU?

LISTEN, THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT THE ENEMY.

WAIT!

DON'T MOVE! IF YOU TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, WE'LL SHOOT ALL OF YOU FULL OF HOLES.

AH.

I CAN SEE WITH MY OWN EYES! THIS ONE'S AMERICAN!!

LIAR!

THESE PEOPLE SAVED ME FROM GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

I AM FROM THE VILLAGE OF HONG VET.

HMM!!

BUT...BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

THE PILOT WAS OUR ALLY.

THESE ARE THE SAME MONSTERS I SAW SHOOT DOWN THAT F COBRA 22.

UNH!!

MOVE ASIDE OR WE'LL KILL YOU TOO!

WHAK

SHUT UP!!

STOP!

NO!

CHÊT DÂI NÚÓC MÝ*

NO MORE GAMES! SLAUGHTER THEM ALL!!

*Drop dead, Americans

BESIDES, THEY MAY LOOK AMERICAN, BUT THEY LOOK NOTHING LIKE SOLDIERS.

HOLD YOUR FIRE!

PERHAPS WE SHOULD LISTEN TO THE FOREIGNERS. THEY MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

COMMAN-DER!

THANK YOU, COMMAN-DER.

I WOULD BE MOST PLEASED IF WE WERE TO RETREAT TO MY HOME WHERE YOU CAN REGALE ME WITH YOUR TALE.

WELCOME STRANGERS.

CONSIDER WHAT PEACE MEANS, GA QIEM.

EH?

003...

BAH.

HE'S A LITTLE TRIGGER HAPPY.

KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.

WATCH YOUR STEP. NECESSITY DICTATES WE MUST HAVE TRAPS SET ABOUT FOR THE MORE HOSTILE ELEMENTS WITH WHICH WE MUST CONTEND.

PERHAPS THEIR BASE IS CLOSE BY.

HEY! ALL THE SOLDIERS SHOVED OFF.

PLEASE. COME IN, STRANGERS.

DORO!

NUMA! IT'S ME.

KLAK

BLIMEY! IT'S NOTHIN' BUT AN EMPTY ROOM.

THE BLOKE'S HARDLY INVITED US IN, 003. I KNOW YOU LIKE IT UNDERGROUND, BUT HAVE SOME MANNERS, MATE.

AH! HOW CLEVER. AN UNDER-GROUND CHAMBER!

I LIVE DOWN HERE.

KLAK

KLAK

WOW! IT'S SO DEEP.

TRY FIFTEEN METERS DEEP.

WOW, AMAZING!

IT'S LIKE AN ANT COLONY... FOR HUMANS.

WHY HAVE TRAPS ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!!

WAH!

.....

SHUP

THANKS FOR JOINING ME.

WELL, GOOD TO MEET YOU, SIR.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF GA DIEM. HE'S THE BASE'S SECOND COMMANDER.

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

...ALL FOR SOME POLITICIANS AND THEIR STUPID WAR.

... SHOOTING SOMEONE WHO BLEEDS THE SAME AS I DO...

I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS... THIS KILLING...

FARMERS DO NOT MAKE GOOD SHOLDIERS.

YET, THEY REFUSE TO CARRY A GUN THEMSELVES? WHAT LEADERS.

...BECAUSE RICH MEN IN SUITS CAN'T AGREE.

I'M FORCED TO KILL...

HMM, I UNDER-STAND NOW!

WE'RE HERE TO STOP BLACK GHOST, AN ORGANIZATION THAT FEEDS OFF WARS SUCH AS THIS.

...AND THAT'S WHEN YOUR MEN FOUND US.

YOU THINK WE'RE DUMB ENOUGH TO BUY A CRACKPOT IDEAS LIKE THAT?

THE BLACK GHOST? STIRRING UP WAR?! HOW RIDICULOUS!

FUHA-HAHAHA. UHAHA-HAHA.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO THESE LIES!

LIES!!

MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COMMANDER!

YOU HAVE NO REASON TO LIE.

STRANGERS, I BELIEVE YOU.

CALM DOWN GA DIEM!

TWITCH

THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL BET GA DIEM KNOWS WHERE IT IS.

I'M SORRY.

I DON'T KNOW.

THE MAN IN BLACK'S HIDEOUT, HMM...

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE CYBORGMAN BASE IS LOCATED?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

YOU'VE HAD A HARD JOURNEY.

ASK AGAIN IN THE MORNING. FOR NOW, REST.

HEH!

I KNOW NOTHING!

OKAY.

KEEP AN EYE ON THEM. DON'T LET THEM WANDER ABOUT.

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HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT?

I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK AROUND.

DID YOU SEE HOW NERVOUS HE GOT WHEN WE MENTIONED CYBORGMAN'S HIDEOUT?

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY GA DIEM IS SO SUSPICIOUS.

FWOM

ZZZZZH

HO HO.

BE CAREFUL!

JOLLY GOOD. MIND IF I TAG ALONG?

FWOM

FWOM

I AGREE.

WE NEED TO GET HIM TO DR. GILMORE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

EH!

HEY 009! 002'S NOT LOOKING WELL.

YES. THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE FOREST NOW.

CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING YET?

I'LL SHADOW THE BUGGERS.

THEY DEFINITELY HAVE SOME KIND OF AGENDA.

NUMA! IT'S ME.

DOROI

VWWM

HERE GOES!

GYU

OOPS! SORRY, LASS.

OF COURSE, THESE PEOPLE HUNT TIGERS.

GOOD ENOUGH TO SHAM ME OWN MUVER.

BACK IN A JIFF!

WHAT'S WRONG 009?

HEY 003! 006!

WAAAH! T-TIGER! THERE'S A TIGER!

THEY'VE ESCAPED!

WHAT?! FIND THEM!

?

CHAK

BADDA

BADDA

CHAK

ALL RIGHT, IT'S UP TO YOU GUYS NOW.

COMMANDER! THE PRISON-ERS...!

GROWL

DA DA DA DA

YIKES! SHOOT IT!

WAAH! IT'S A TIGER, A TIGER!

NO, IT WAS ONE OF THEM!

A WHIRL-WIND?

WH-WHAT THE HELL?

ZOOM

UNTIL THEN, I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE.

NO, WE WAIT. THEY WILL RETURN HERE LATER.

WE COULD EITHER FIGHT THIRTY-SIX SOLDIERS OR ESCAPE. I SAY ESCAPE.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

THEY'RE OVER THERE.

LOOK!

THEY'RE ALREADY HERE!

WHAT? THEY'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

SHOULDN'T WE RETURN TO THE UNDERGROUND TUNNEL?

SHH!

Y-YOU BASTARD!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?!

DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE.

OH! GOOD EVENING EVERYONE.

ISN'T THE MOON BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT?

CHIRP

CHIRP

LISTEN TO THE SWEET CHIRP OF THE CRICKETS...

HUH?

月齊清之美
土竜闇泥中
不眺望憶悲

...UNDER SUCH A VISION OF ABSOLUTELY SERENITY.

HOW IS NATURE SO BEAUTIFUL AND MANKIND SO UGLY?

THE MOON IS WON-DROUS.

IT MAKES YOU WONDER HOW SUCH HATRED AND KILLING COULD EXIST...

IT'S A POEM I'VE WRITTEN AND NOW DEDICATE TO YOU, MEN.

ROUGHLY TRANSLATED, IT MEANS, "ALTHOUGH THE MOON IS SO BOLD AND BLUE, MOLES IN THE GROUND CANNOT SEE IT. AAH, WHAT KIND OF SADNESS IS THIS?"

ONE OF THEM HAS TAKEN OUR INJURED FRIEND TO GET FIXED.

WHERE ARE THE OTHER THREE?

HELLO, COM-MANDER.

ENOUGH!

OUR SUSPICIONS ARE THAT HE IS EITHER A GOVERNMENT SPY... OR WORKS FOR THE BLACK GHOST.

BUT MY SECOND IS RIGHT HERE... ISN'T HE?

AS FOR THE OTHER ONE...HE'S FOLLOWING YOUR SECOND.

SHAA

SHAA

SHAA

SHAA

HE'S SENDING OUT HIGH-PITCHED WAVES.

HMM...A SILENT WHISTLE!

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SHAA SHAA SHAA

ONE SECOND. I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.

I HAVE SOME INFORMATION YOU MIGHT FIND USEFUL.

KACHAN

WHO IS IT?

HEHE, IT'S GA DIEM.

SHAA

WAH!

SHUMP
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GA

GA

GA

GAA

.....

HE HE. I'M RIGHT HERE.

GO DIEM? WHERE ARE YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?

SHAA

SHAA

GA

GA

HMPH! I'M NOT SO SAFE EITHER. DON'T OVER-VALUE YOUR WORTH. COME IN!

I...I THOUGHT I'D HEARD A TIGER. THE JUNGLE ISN'T SO SAFE, YOU KNOW.

SORRY... SORRY...

DR. GILMORE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE SUß.

SHUU

ZA

ZA

ZA

?

?

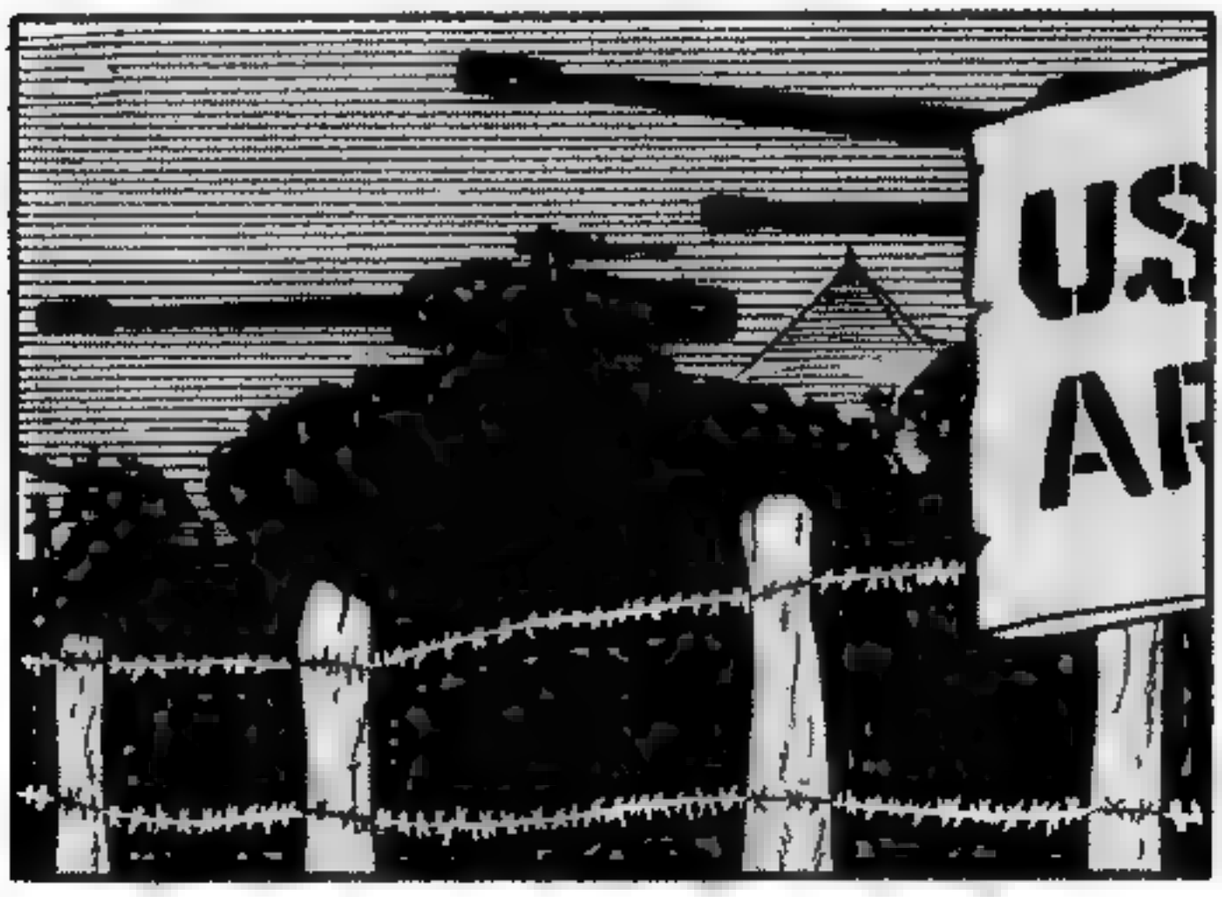
ZOOM

HANG IN THERE, 002.

UNH... UNH...

HUH?
THE GOV-ERNMENT TROOPS ARE COM-ING!
BOOM

IT'S A LAND MINE, BUT WHERE'S THE BODY?
HUH?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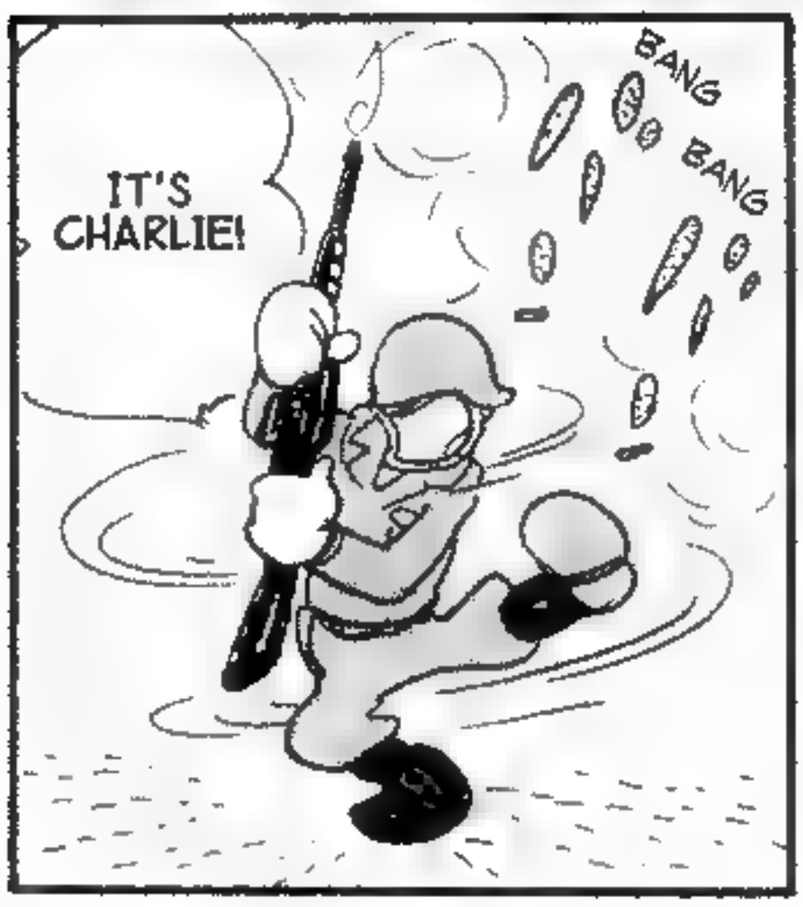
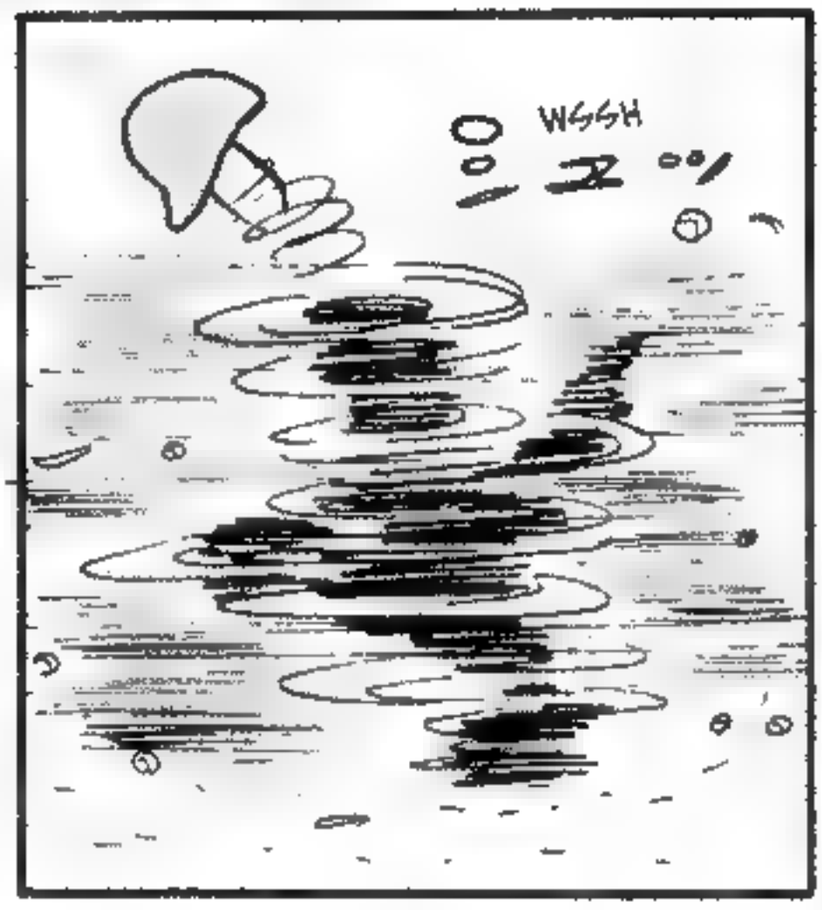
IF I WASN'T ACCELER-ATED, WE'D BOTH BE DEAD.
WHOA! I GOT TO BE MORE CAREFUL.


IT'S CHARLIE!
BANG
BANG


WSSH

BLINK

WHAK

NO ROOM FOR TWITS IN THIS MAN'S ARMY!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE SHARP, SOLDIER!

I'M NOT SURE, BUT SOMEONE BLITZED BY HERE!

WHERE?

ZA

ZA

ZA

ZA BLAST

BUB

BUB

BUB

SPLASH

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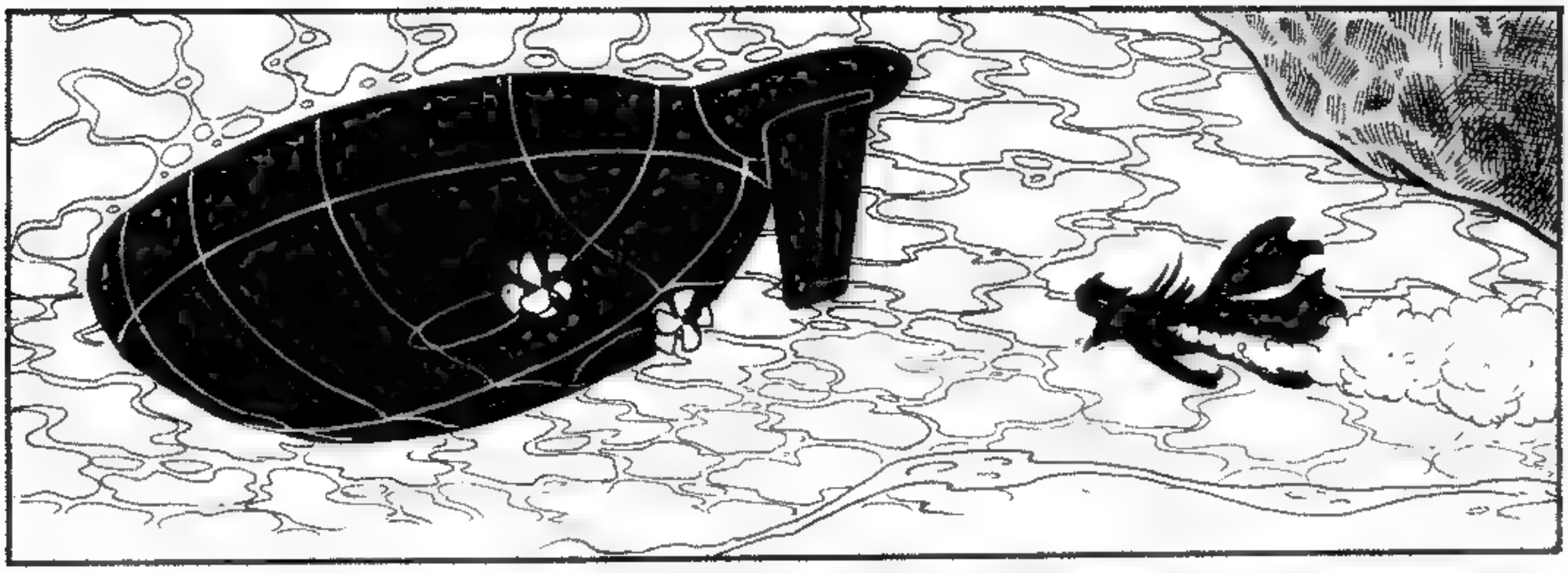

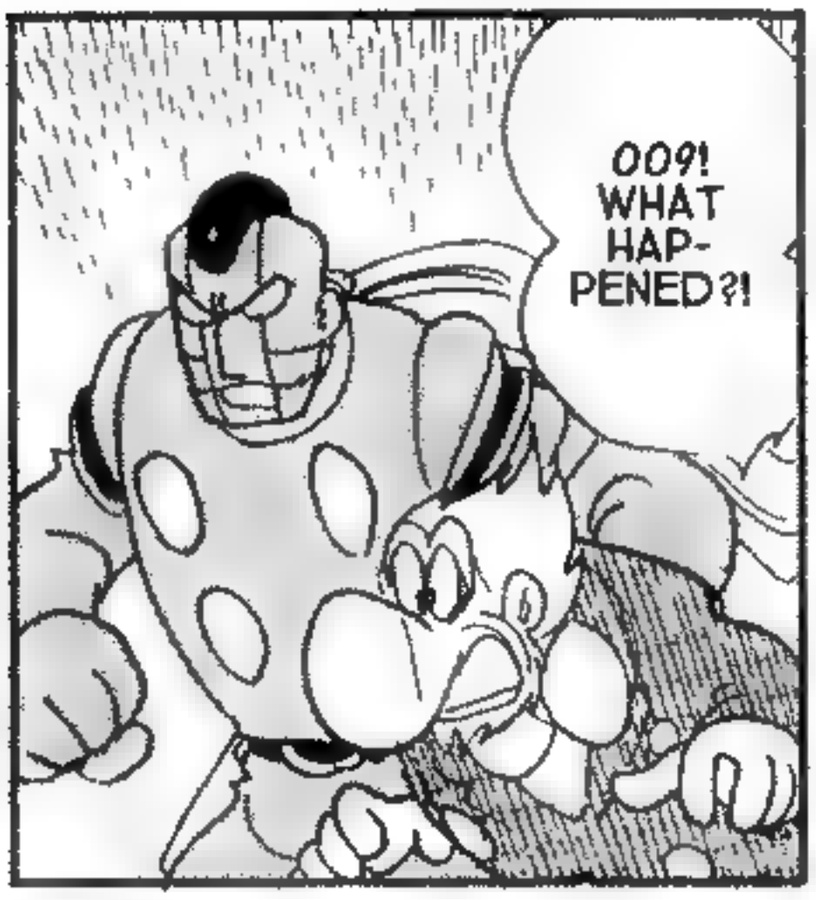
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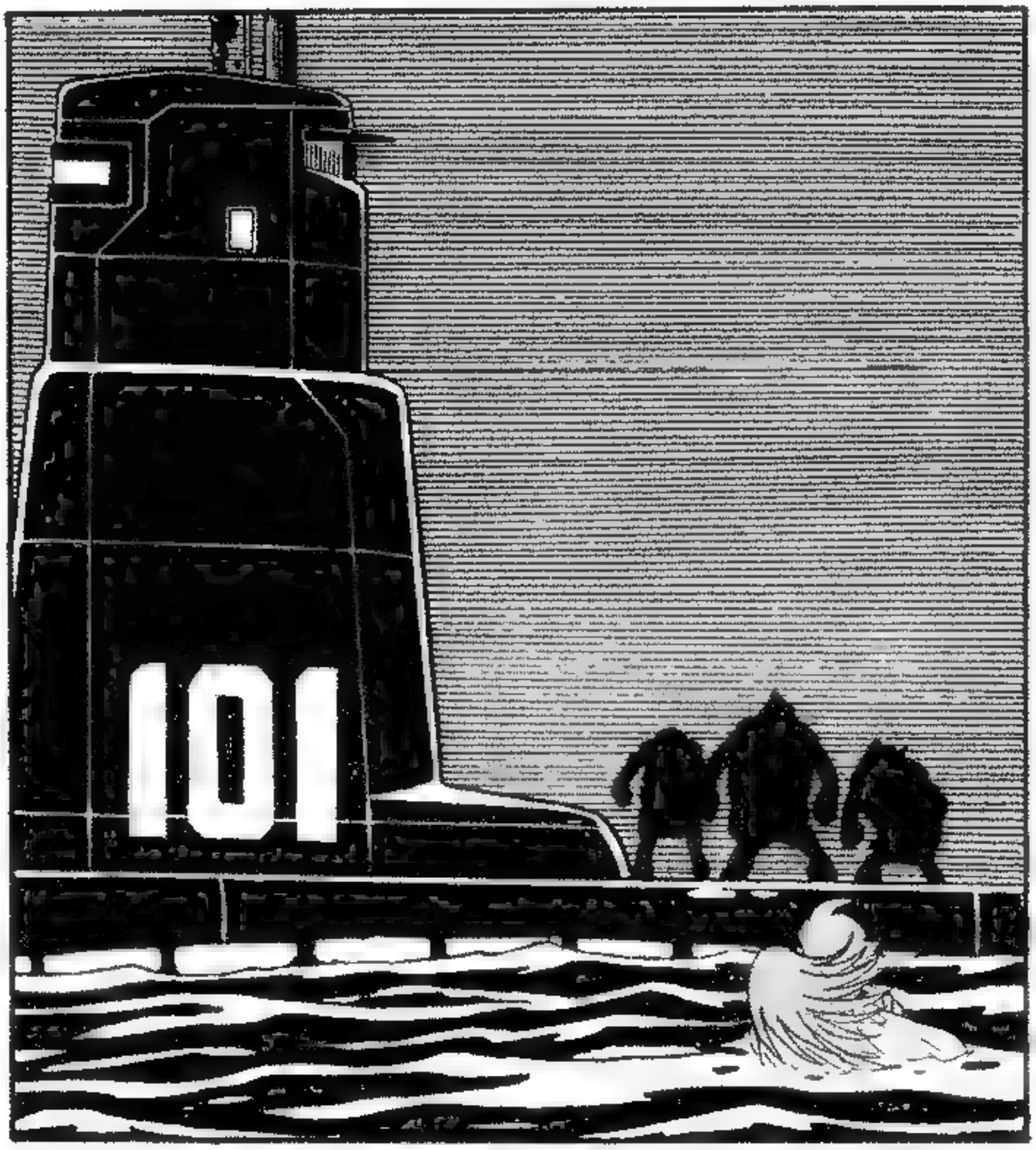
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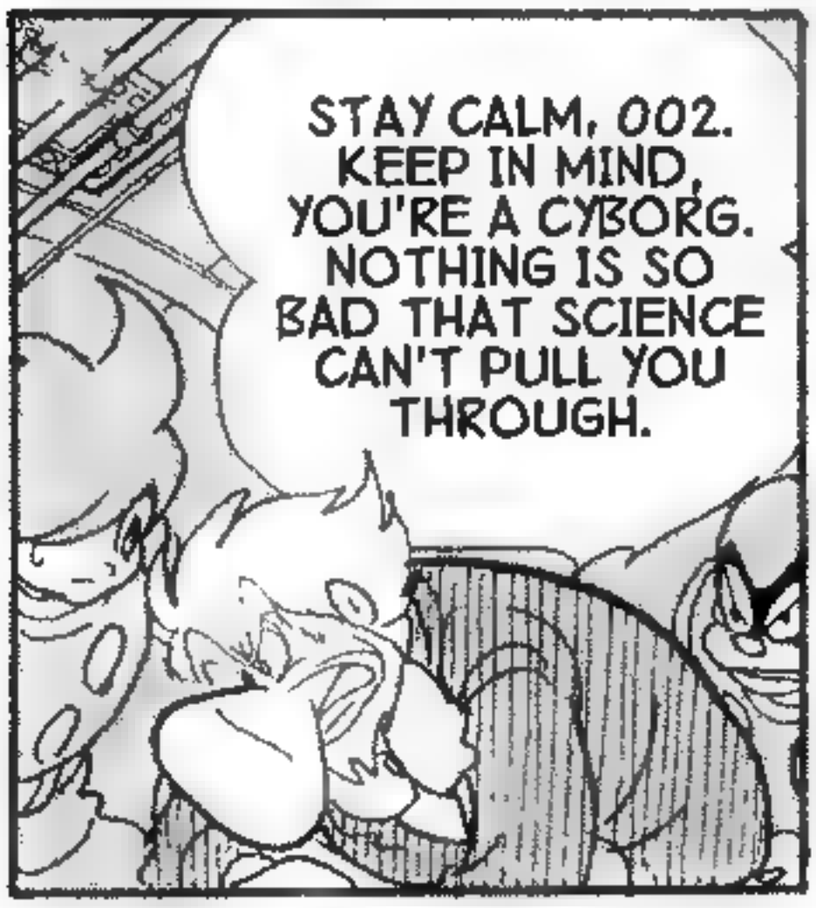
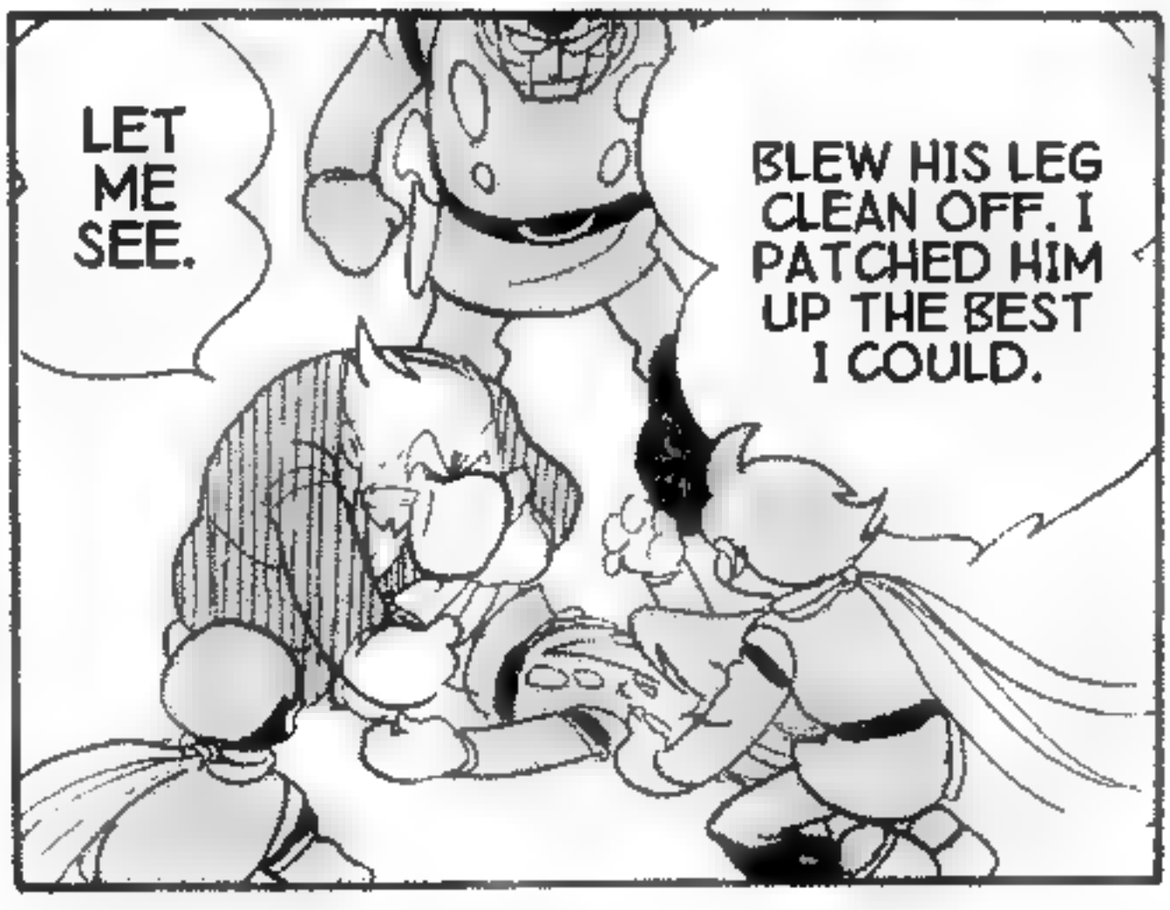
THEY SHOT DOWN 002.


STAY CALM, 002. KEEP IN MIND, YOU'RE A CYBORG. NOTHING IS SO BAD THAT SCIENCE CAN'T PULL YOU THROUGH.


LET ME SEE.
BLEW HIS LEG CLEAN OFF. I PATCHED HIM UP THE BEST I COULD.

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...BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE TECHNO-LOGY AT HAND TO DO IT.

I COULD CONNECT ANOTHER LEG AND THE CIRCULATION MIGHT RESUME...

HIS LIQUID NUTRITION PIPE AND ENERGY PIPE HAVE BEEN SEVERED!

RETURN TO THE BLACK GHOST'S LAIR!

...WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THE UNTHINK-ABLE.

...BUT TO PROPERLY FIX HIM...

I CAN FIX HIM TEMPO-RARILY...

CAN YOU FIX HIM OR NOT?

DO.

DO

DO

OKAY. WE SHOULD HEAD OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

I'M NOT AFRAID.

DO

DO

DO

KAAN

KAAN

KAAN

KAAN

HEH.

COME IN.

FAST

WHAT DID YOU COME TO TELL ME?

NO QUES-TIONS!

AMAZING! WHEN DID YOU BUILD ALL THIS?

RIGHT HERE.

EEH...WELL THAT IS...ER... ACTUALLY WE'VE CAPTURED THEM...

HMM, SO WHAT ABOUT THEM?

ACTUALLY, IT'S ABOUT THOSE 00 CYBORGS...

HEH HEH.

EEH!

IN FACT, THEY'RE PROBABLY DEAD AS WE SPEAK.

THE COBRA'S ARMS ARE ALREADY TRACKING THEM.

PLEASE DON'T WASTE MY TIME.

IS THAT ALL?

EH?

THAT'S FINE. JUST RELAX. DON'T DO ANYTHING TO FURTHER EXCITE THEM.

THOSE GUARDS ARE RATHER OVERZEALOUS.

THEY FOUND US!!

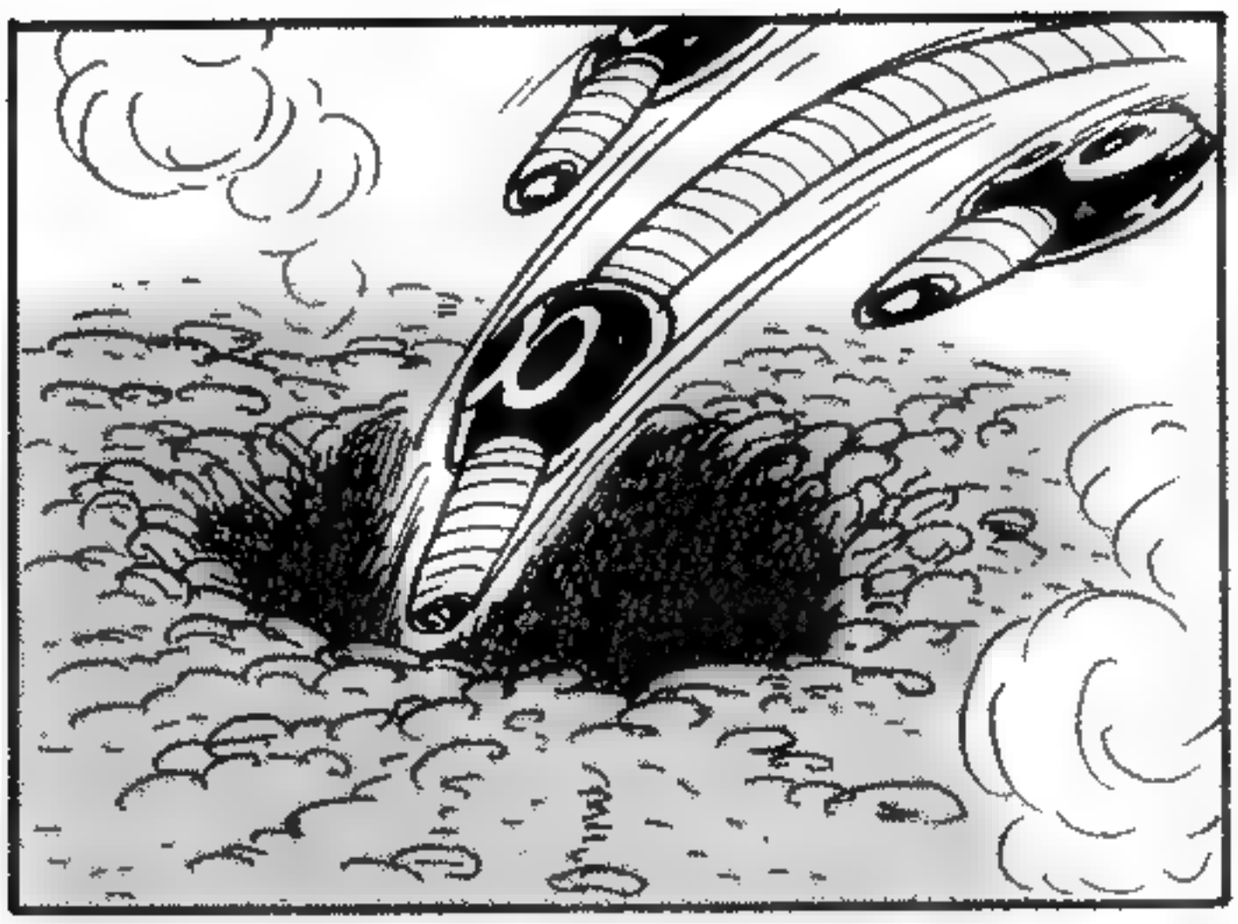
110 F 0 POP

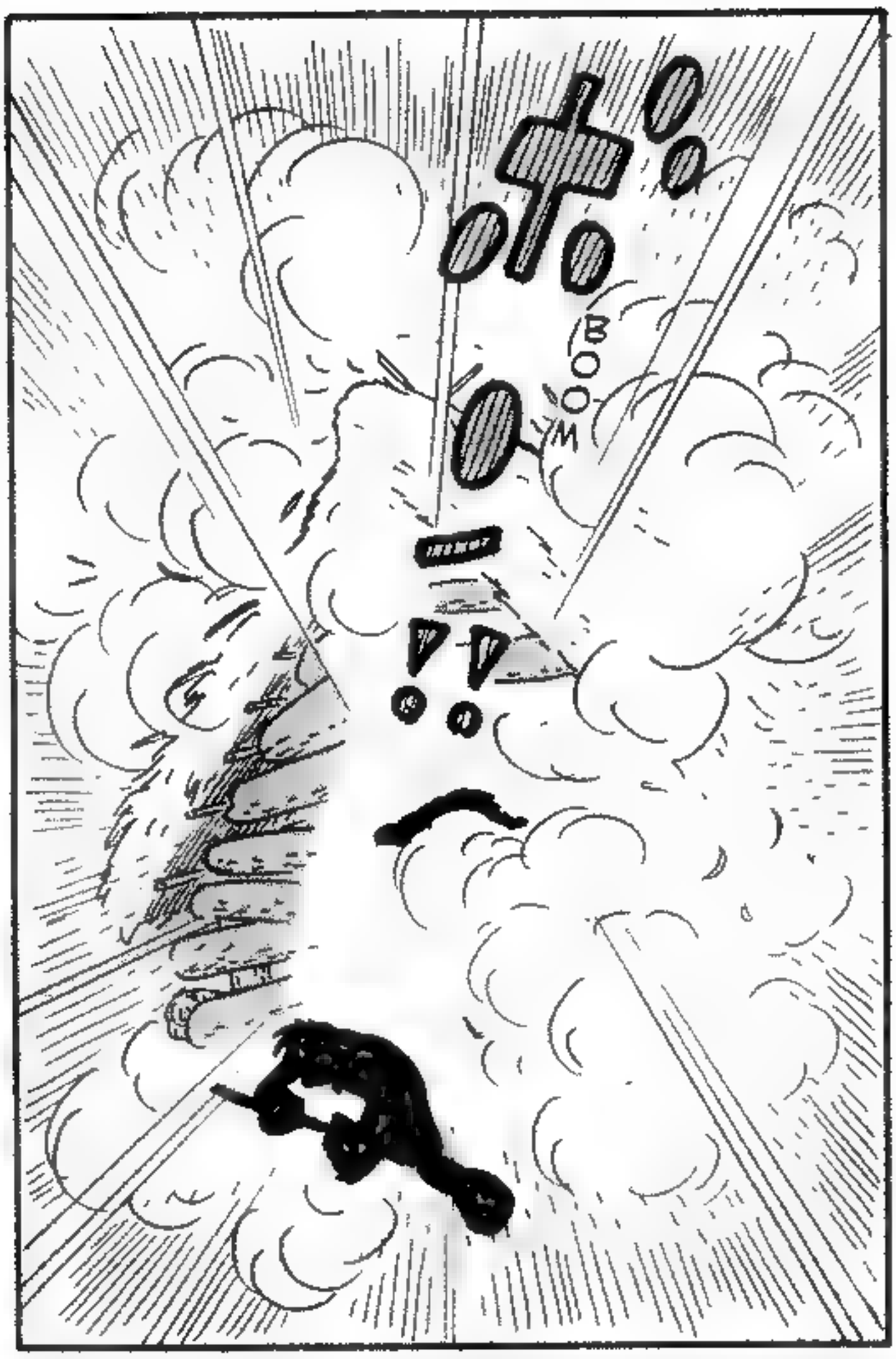
WHAT IS IT?

AH!

BZZT

BZZT

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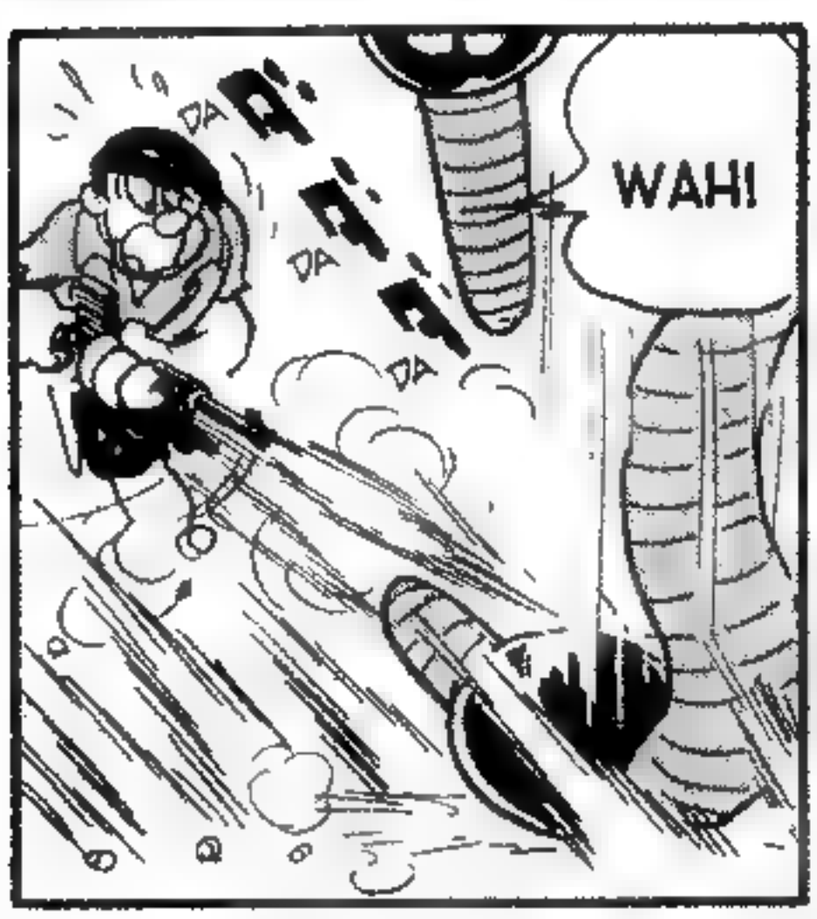
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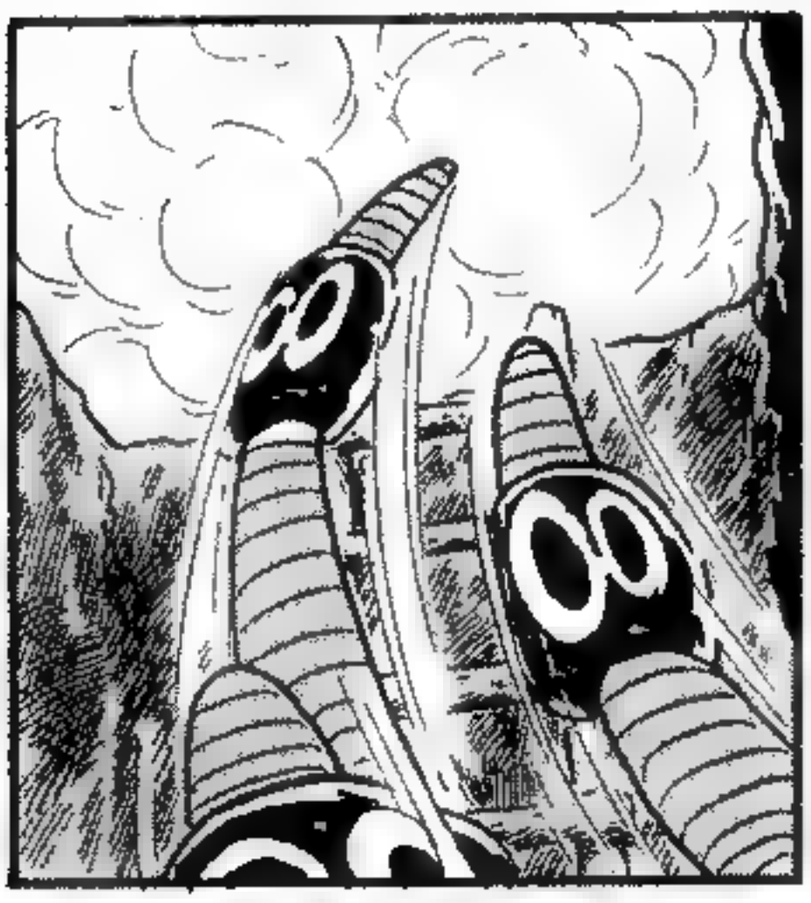

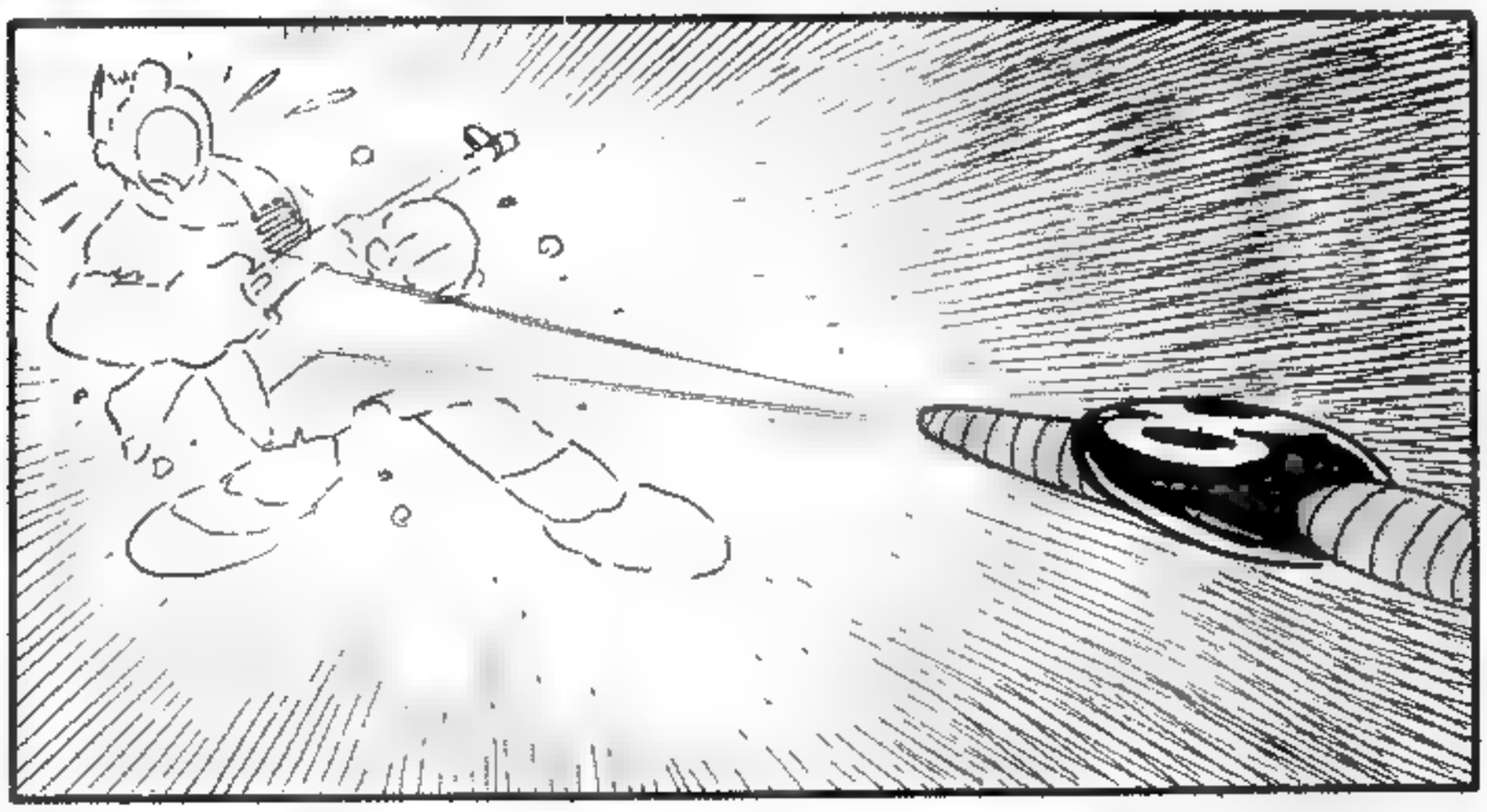

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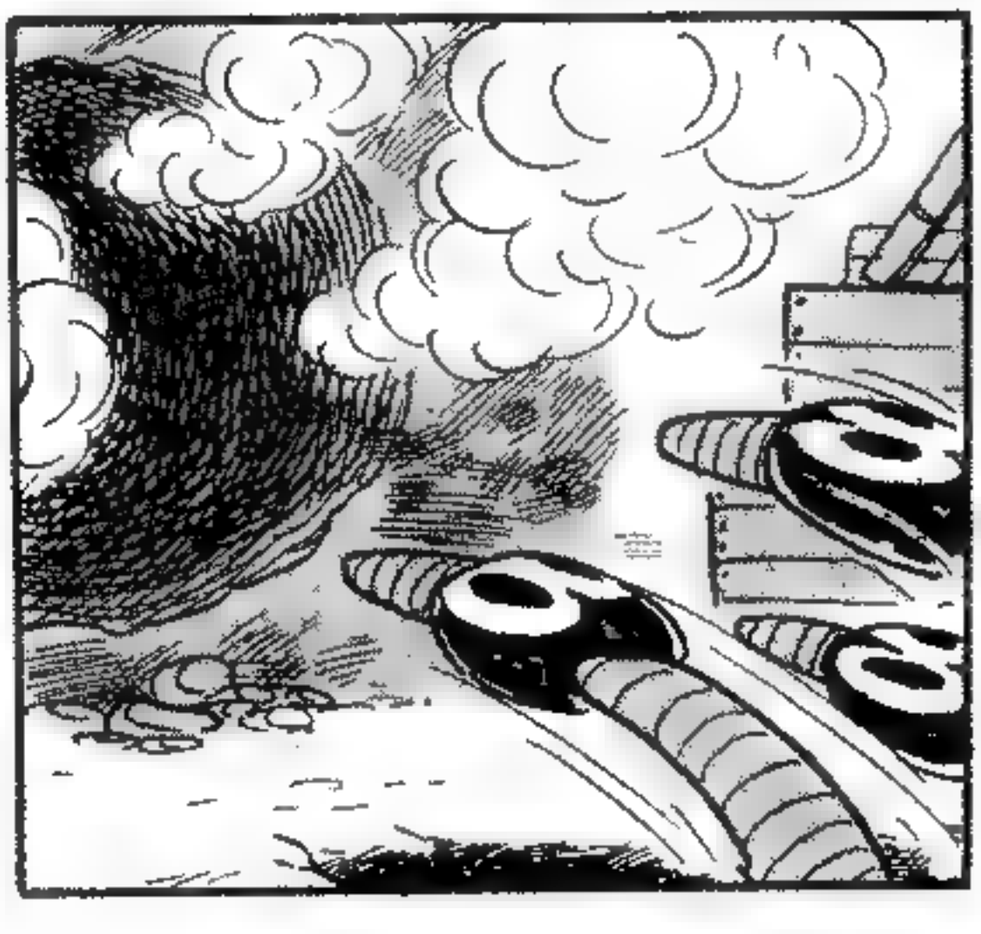


HA HA HA HA!

WHY, ANY MINUTE NOW, YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE FOOD FOR WORMS!

MY FRIENDS?

WHAT?!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO FIGHT THEM!

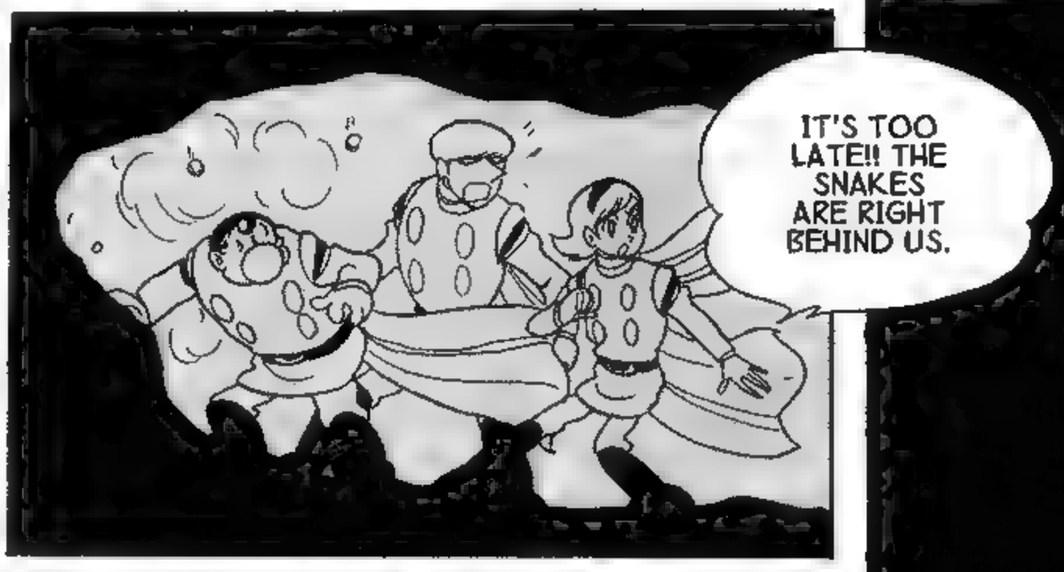
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THOSE SNAKES CAN GO ANYWHERE!

GASP.

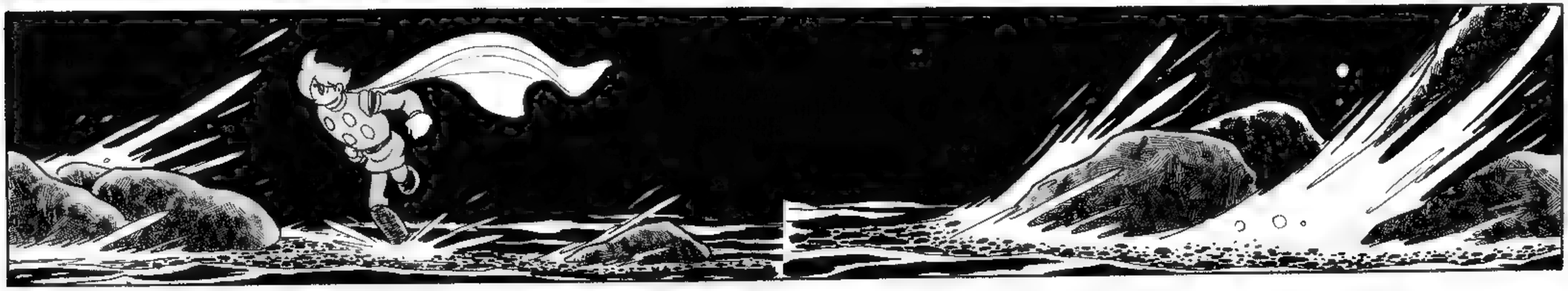
DON'T BE COY, 007!

I KNEW IT WAS YOU BEFORE YOU EVEN ENTERED MY COMPOUND!

KLIK



CHAPTER 21
BEFORE THE DAWN



MAYBE WE CAN MAKE AN ESCAPE ROUTE.

CAN YOU LOCK IN ON THEIR POSITION?

003! TRY AGAIN.

W- WAIT...

YEAH!

IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!

BLAST A HOLE BELOW US! AND FAST, BEFORE THOSE WORMS CATCH UP TO US!

006!

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE IF WE BURROW DEEPER.

.....

PSSH

FSST

AIYO!

THEY'RE MAKING THEIR OWN TUNNELS!

003! IS SOME-THING WRONG?

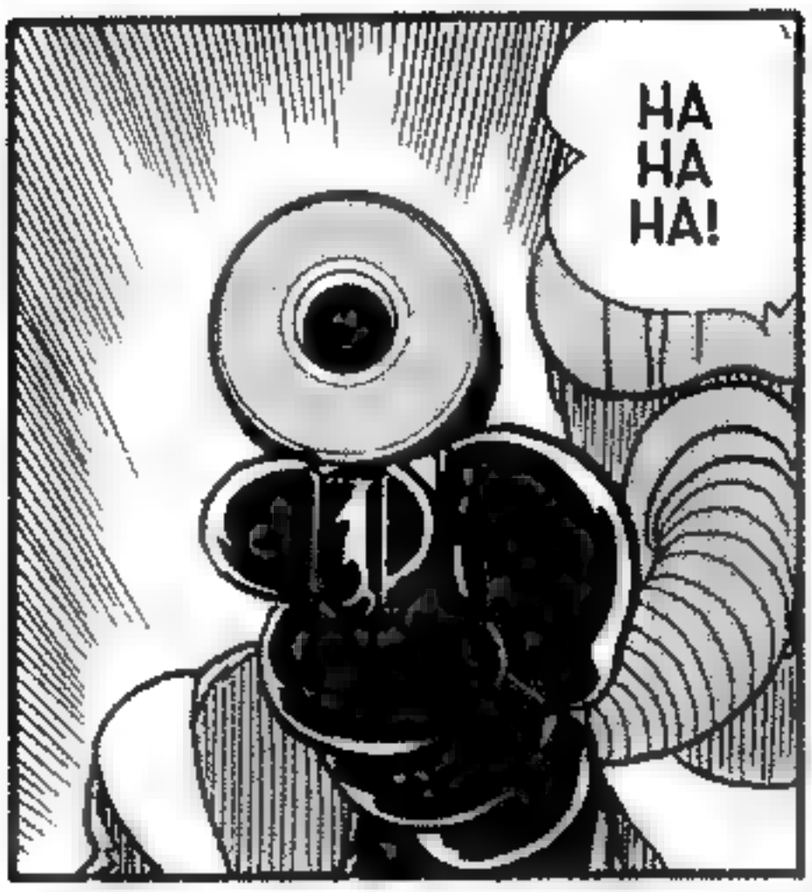
PSSH

PSSH

THAT MIGHT THROW OFF THEIR SENSORS!

WE SHOULD CAVE IN THE HOLE BEHIND US.

VEEN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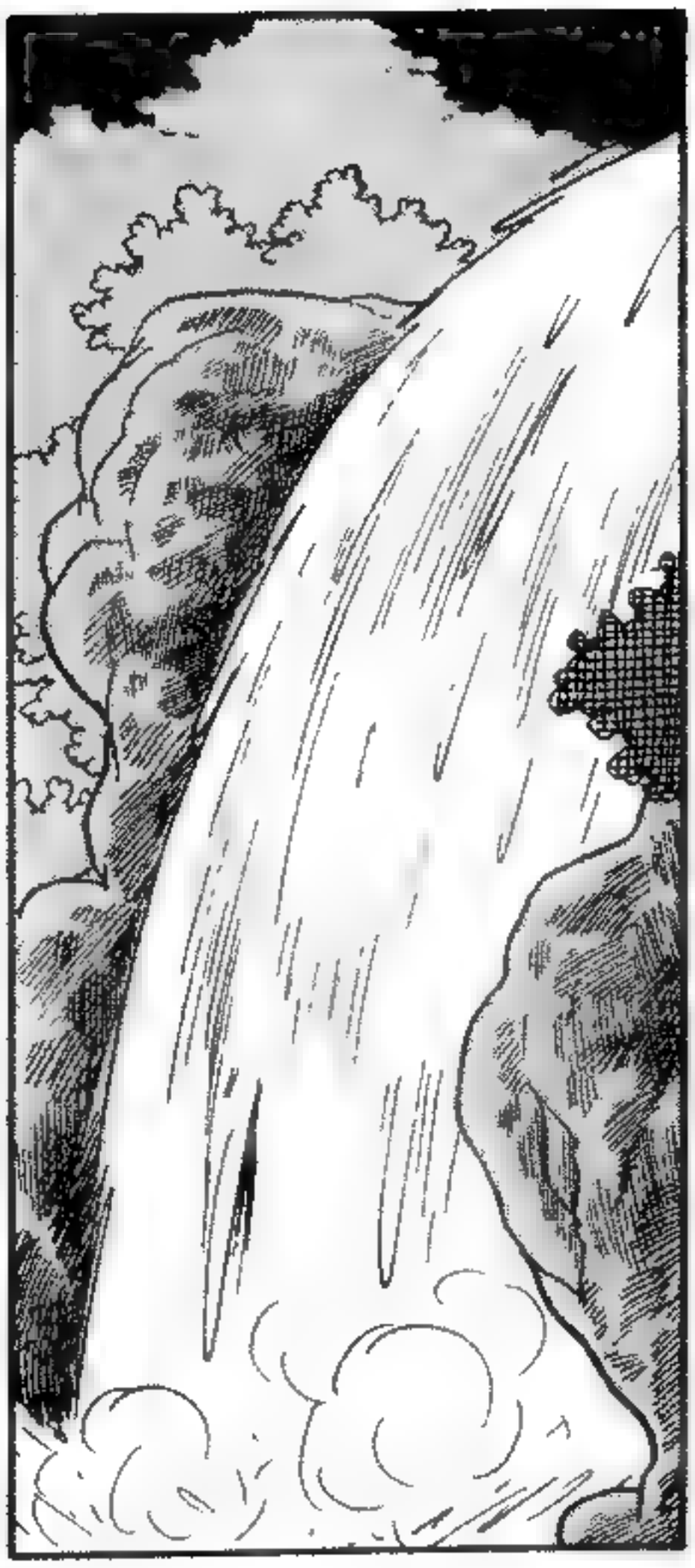
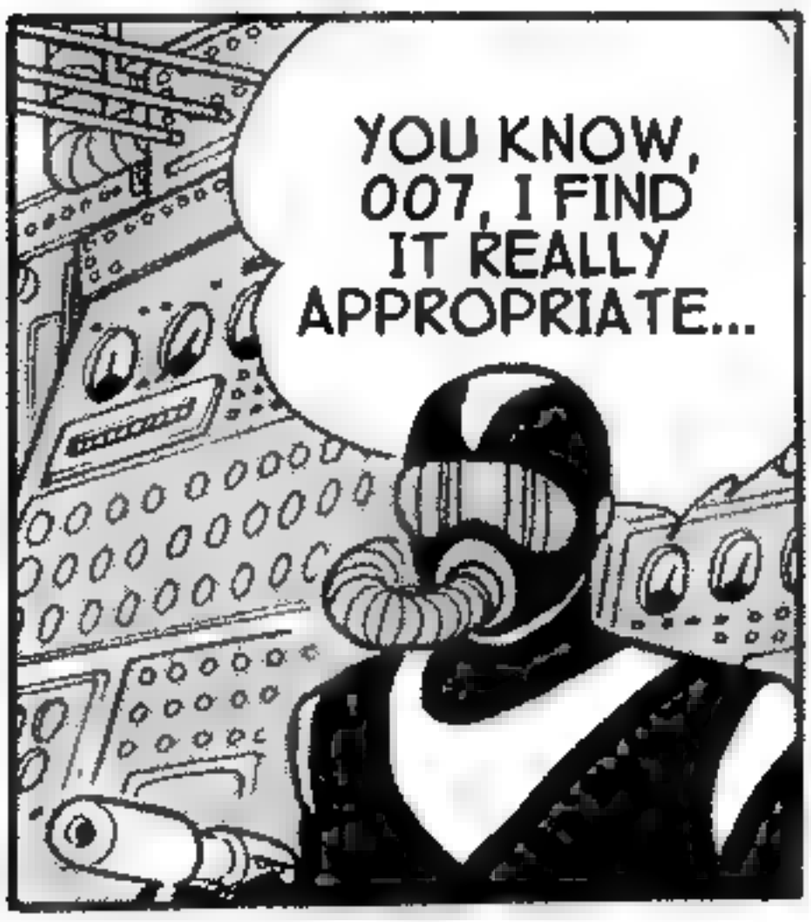
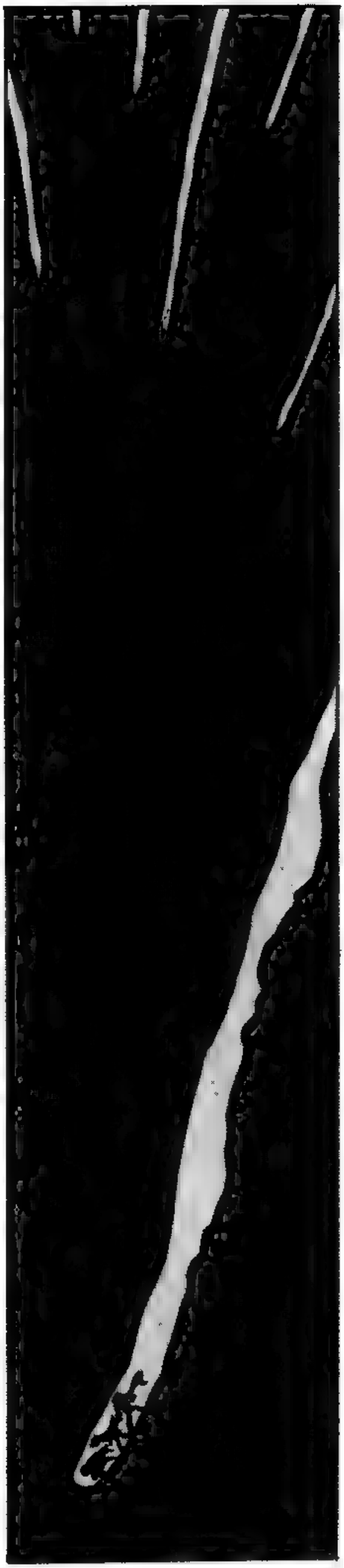
HA!




YOU KNOW,
007, I FIND
IT REALLY
APPROPRIATE...



GRRR ...

GOMI SUTE

THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO IT SAVE YOURSELF OR YOUR TEAM.

LEAVE THE GUN ALONE AND GIVE UP, 007.

SOMETHING HE'LL NEVER EXPECT.

THINK, OLD BOY, THINK OF SOMETHING GOOD.

OH, DOES THAT UPSET YOU, 007?

HA HA HA.

.....

THUD

SWAY

STAND DOWN.

AH, YES. THAT'S IT, 007

SHUU

HUH?

WSSH

NO!!
AGGGGH!
BZZT
DASH
SH
SH
TMP
DAMN! HE'S SLITH-ERED INTO THE MA-CHINES!
WAIT!
OH, A SNAKE!
HUH?
TMP

MAYBE ONE MORE SWITCH-EROO...

SHUP

CAN'T GET MYSELF STUCK IN 'ERE.

GOT MYSELF INTO A RIGHT TIGHT SPOT.

CHIK

SHUP

THEY'LL JUST GET STUCK IN THE WORKS, EH?

BOLLOCKS! THESE LALLIES ARE PRETTY MUCH USELESS.

NOW, FOR MY FAMOUS DISAPPEAR-ING ACT.

HA HA HA!

FWIP

HUH?

HE HEARD ME!

WHAT?!

THEY CALL ME THE CHAMELEON!

I THINK IT'S TIME YOU FIND OUT WHY.

WHOA!

HEH HEH HEH.

SWAP

PROTECTIVE COLORATION WON'T SAVE YOU. I KNOW YOUR TRUE COLORS!

WHAP

NOT SO FAST, YOU WALLY!

KARA

KARA

SMACK

BZZZT

GYAA!

THUD

ZAT

WE'RE ON MY BATTLE-FIELD, 007.

HA HA HA! GOTCHA!

ZZAP

WAAH!

...SHOCKING ANYTHING AND EVERY-THING IN IT'S WAY.

THIS ELECTRONIC CURRENT SWITCH SENDS ELECTRICITY COURSING THROUGH THE ROOM...

BU BU BU BI PUSHUU ...

THJD

SHHH

...IF YOU DIDN'T BETRAY THE BLACK GHOST!

CHAK

MAYBE YOU'D HAVE ONE TOO...

I'M PROTECTED BY MY THERMAL BODYSUIT.

ZZZT—

...IS YOUR UNDYING ALLE-GIANCE.

AND ALL THEY ASKED FROM YOU...

THE BLACK GHOST WILL BE MOST PLEASED.

THEN, I CAN KILL YOU ALL!!

HA! HA HA!

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOUR FRIENDS TRACK YOU HERE.

I'LL EN-CRYPT MY TRANS-MISSION.

...NOT TO UNDER-ESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF YOU CYBORGS.

BUT IT'S IMPOR-TANT...

I WILL SUCCEED WHERE OTHERS HAVE FAILED.

All Black Ghost personnel in Vietnam, rendezvous at base one! All Black Ghost...

DO

DO

DO

This is Cyborgman Number 1.

This is Cyborgman Number 1.

... personnel in Vietnam rendezvous at base one!

...AND AM CLOSING IN FOR THE KILL!

I'VE JUST CORNERED THREE OF THE CYBORGS...

I WILL BE AT BASE SHORTLY.

THIS IS NUMBER 19... REPEAT, NUMBER 19.

NUMBER 1?

IT'S CLOSE!

WHAT WAS THAT? I HEARD A TRANSMIS-SION!

FWOM

FWOM

.....

HUH!

PSSH

PSSH

YOUR OXYGEN TANK IS NEARLY EMPTY.

IT'S GETTING HARDER TO BREA-THE.

THREE OF THEM HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY INTO THE TUNNEL.

NO. THEY'RE GAINING ON US.

DO YOU THINK WE LOST THEM?

YOU'RE ABOUT TO PENETRATE A POISONOUS GAS POCKET!

WHAT'S WRONG?

STOP 006!

AH, WAIT A SECOND!

IF YOUR BEAM TOUCHES THAT GAS, WE'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS!

AND RIGHT BELOW THAT, THERE'S A RIVER OF MOLTEN LAVA!

WE FIGHT!!

HA HA HA!

WHAT NOW?

WHAT THE...

GAN

GAN

NO MORE RUNNING! IT ENDS NOW!

I'VE GOT YOU CORNERED!!

AAH!

DAMN!

ZOOM

THEY STOPPED!

WHAT IS IT?

? ?

AH?

KACHAK

YIPEE!

REMIND ME TO KISS THAT MAN!

HE DESTROYED THE COMMAND POD FOR THE SNAKES!!

IT'S 009! HE DID IT!

FLAP

FLAP

Atten-tion 00 cyborgs!

HUH?

KLONK

FLAP

Atten-tion 00 cyborgs!

WHLP

WHAT?!

We have captured 007.

We have captured 007.

Atten-tion 00 cyborgs!

Atten-tion 00 cyborgs!

We have captured 007!

If you want to see him alive, follow me.

007? IT ISN'T TRUE!

NOW!

OKAY, LET'S GO.

Follow me.

Follow me.

THE BLACK GHOST!!

Follow me.! Follow me.!

003, 004, 006...

WE'RE COMING WITH YOU!

WAIT FOR US, 009!

TRUST US, YOU'LL NEED THE HELP!

YES!

ARE YOU'RE UP FOR IT?

SCHEISSE ...!

IT'S TIME!

UHH!

U-UH...
UHHH...

HUH?

HE'LL BE A NUISANCE WHEN THE 00 CYBORGS ARRIVE.

OH, GREAT. THE OAF HAS RISEN.

I NEED YOU TO CLEAR YOUR ENTRANCE...

CYBORGMAN NUMBER 10! COME IN!

ANOTHER CASUALTY OF WAR.

AND NOTHING MUST HAMPER MY PLANS!

...OF SOME UNINVITED COMPANY.

WHAT'S THAT?!

CRUNCH

IT'S ME, GA DIEM. OPEN UP! COME ON, OPEN UP!

DO

DO

DO

WHAT IS...

WAH...

I'M ON YOUR SIDE!!

IT'S ME! IT'S ME!

NO! DON'T SHOOT!

I WANT YOU TO WATCH AS ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS PERISH, FUTILELY TRYING TO SAVE YOU!

OH, WORRY NOT, 007. YOU'RE TURN IS COMING UP.

...HMPH.

...DESERVES TO DIE!

ANY MAN WHO BETRAYS HIS OWN...

GET ME OUTTA HERE!!

WHY YOU...

THEN AFTER YOU'VE WITNESS THEIR SLAUGHTER... WELL...

SHUP

VWOW

YOU FOOL!

IT'S A TRAP, 003! STAY AWAY! STAY AWAY! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!

AND, PRETTY SOON, I WILL HAVE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOU!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOUR CYBERNETIC CHATTER.

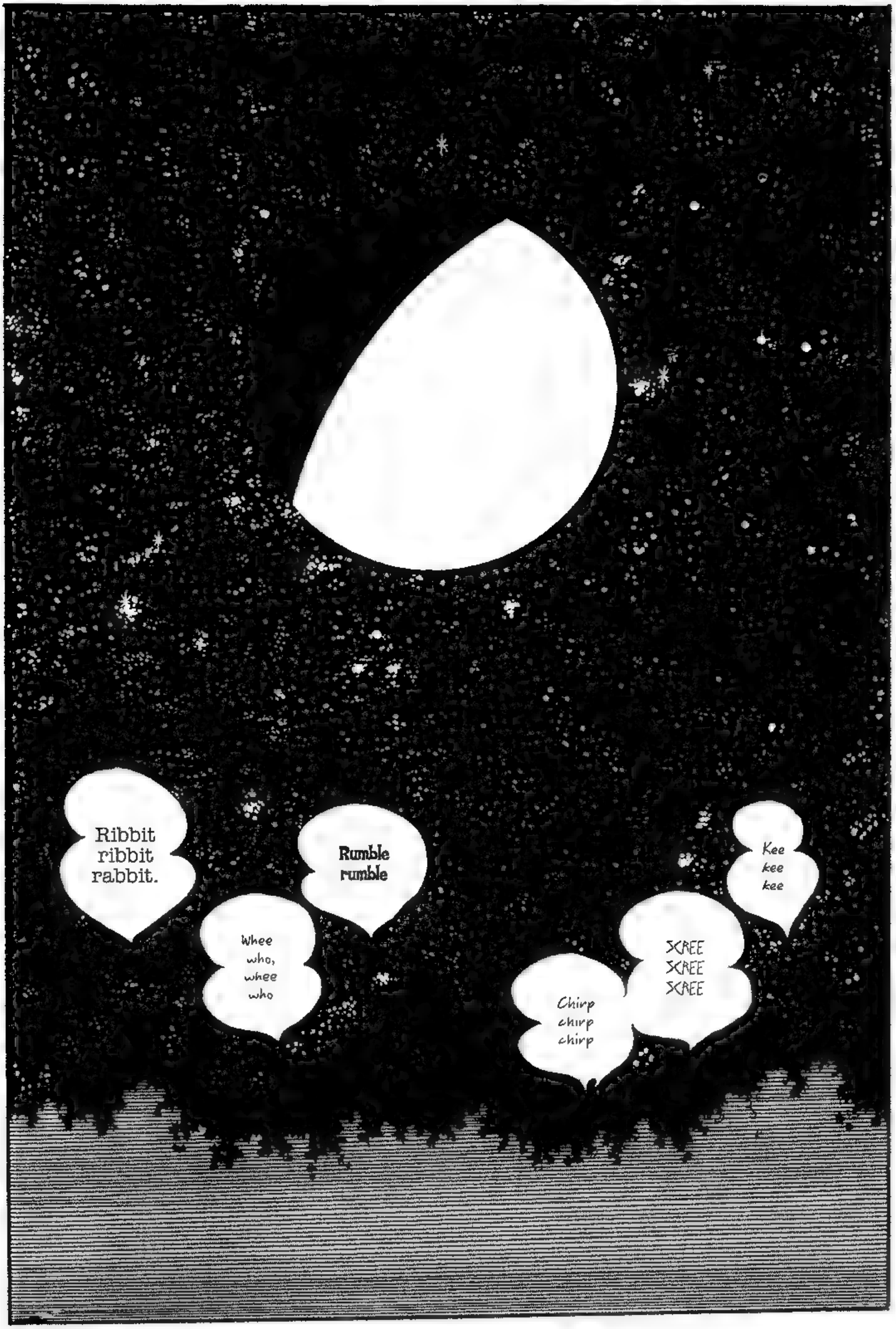
THERE. NOW TRY TO USE YOUR CEREBRAL TRANSMIS-SIONS.

BA BA BA

AND ON SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MOONLIT NIGHT!

HA HA HA HA HA!

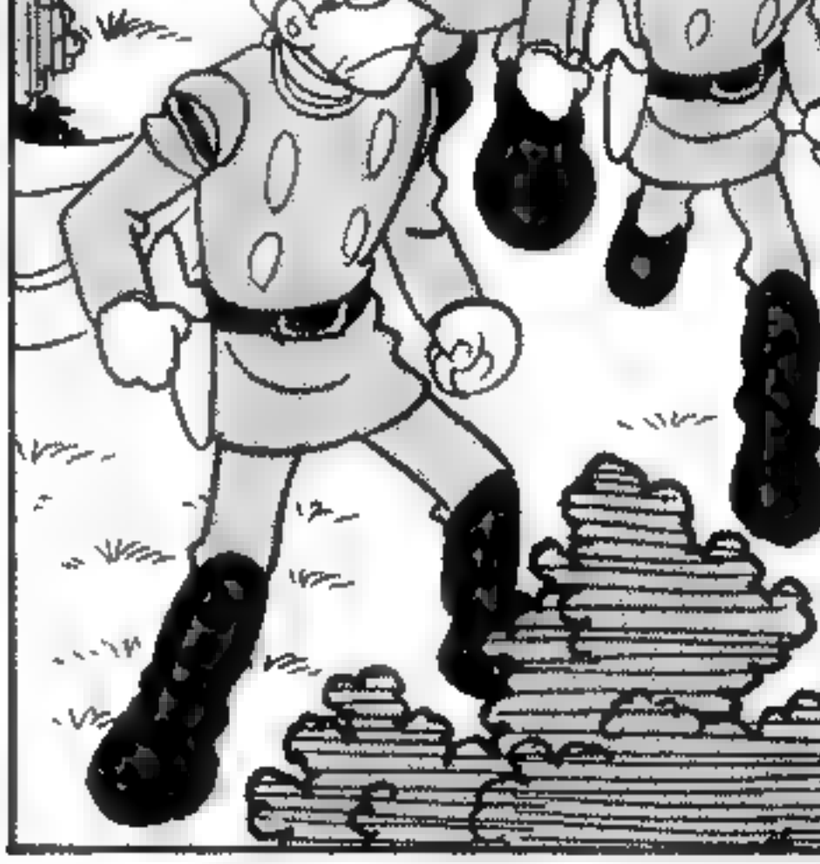
SO THE SNARE IS IN PLACE! WE NEED ONLY WAIT FOR THE RATS TO COME.

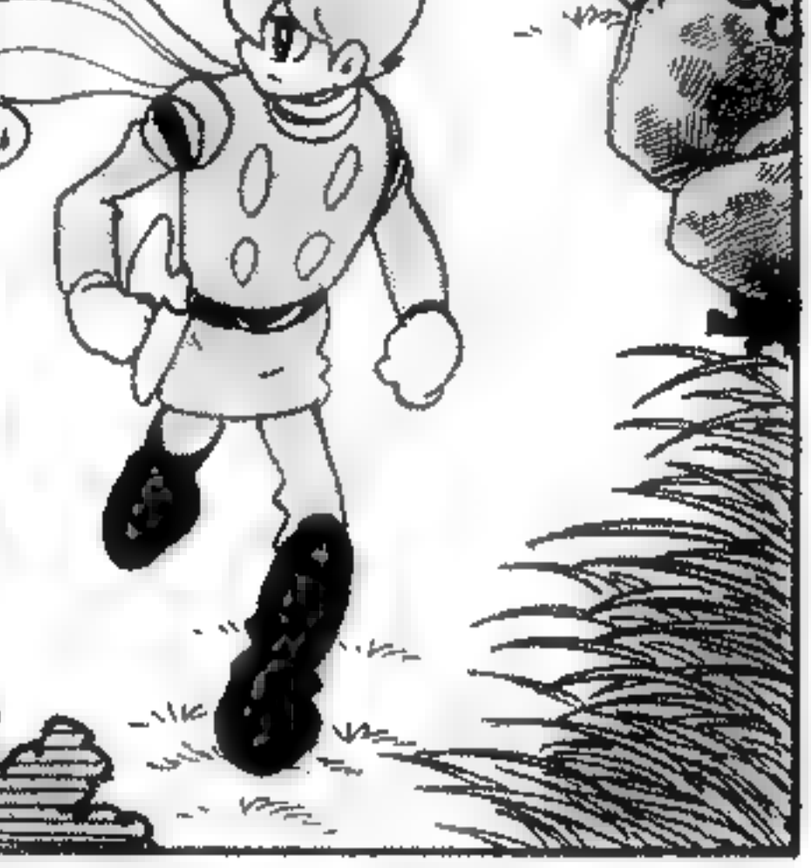

Ribbit ribbit rabbit.
Rumble rumble
Whee who, whee who
Kee kee kee
SCREE SCREE SCREE
Chirp chirp chirp

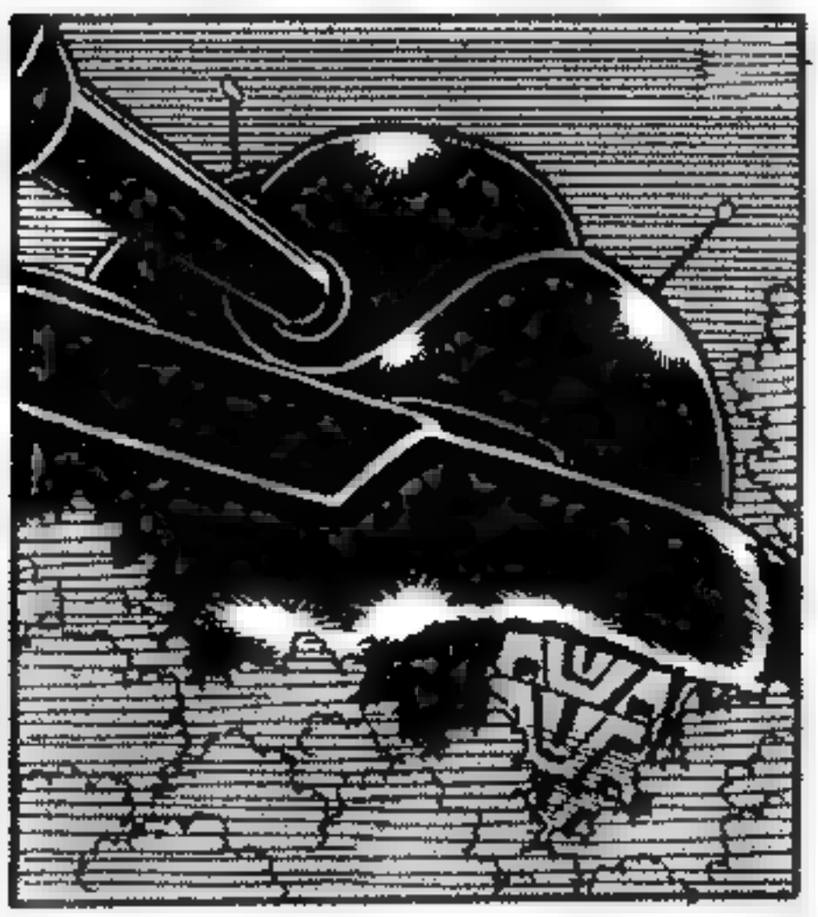
AND THE PERIMETER IS PATROLLED BY CYBORGMEN.

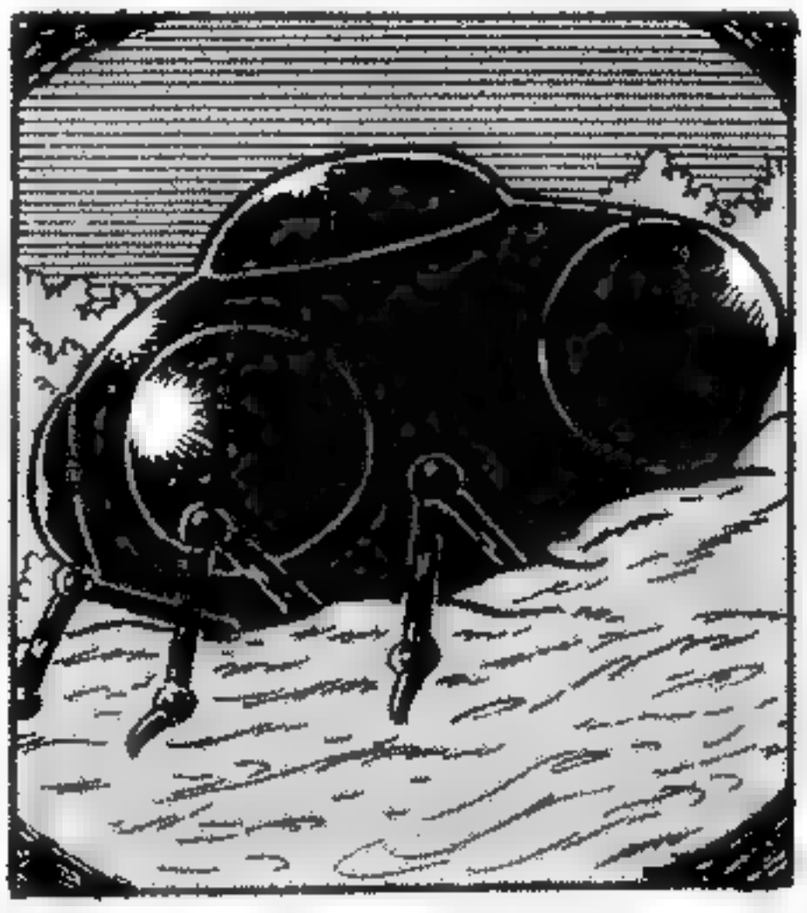
IT'S A HIGHLY ARMED SUBTERRANEAN COMPOUND.

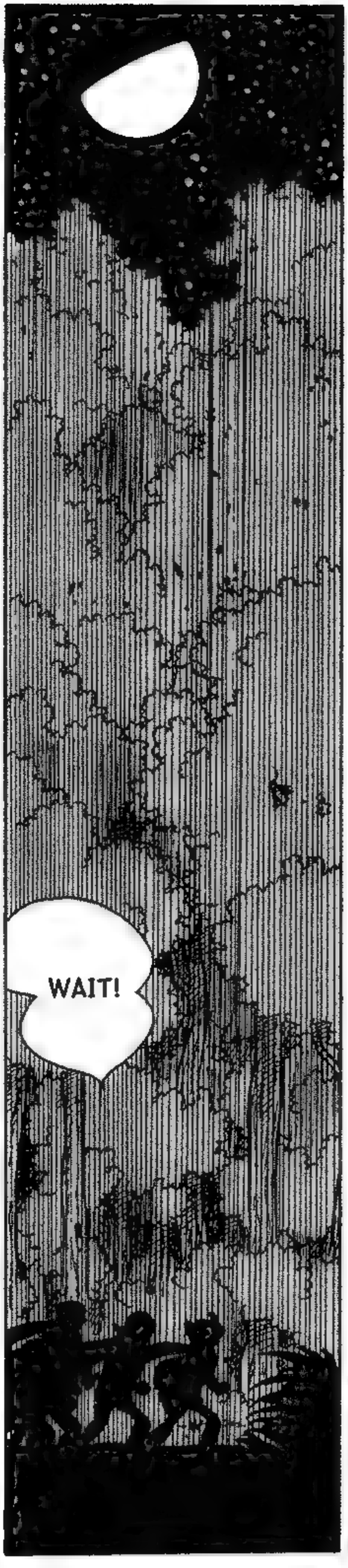
007 IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE BEHIND THE WATERFALL.











Kee kee.

Follow me! Follow me!

OH, YOU INFERNAL ANIMAL, SHUT UP!

BADDA BADDA

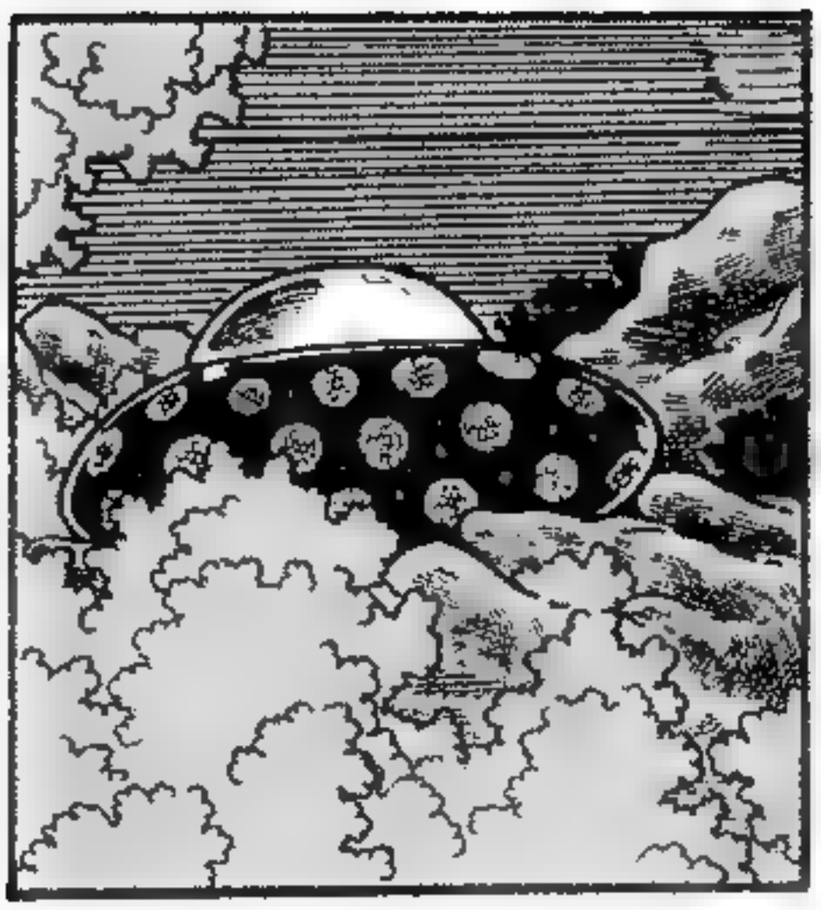
BADDA

HEH.

NO. NOT YET. BUT I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE TROUBLE SOON ENOUGH.

OKAY, 003! ANY SURPRISES WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

LET'S GO.



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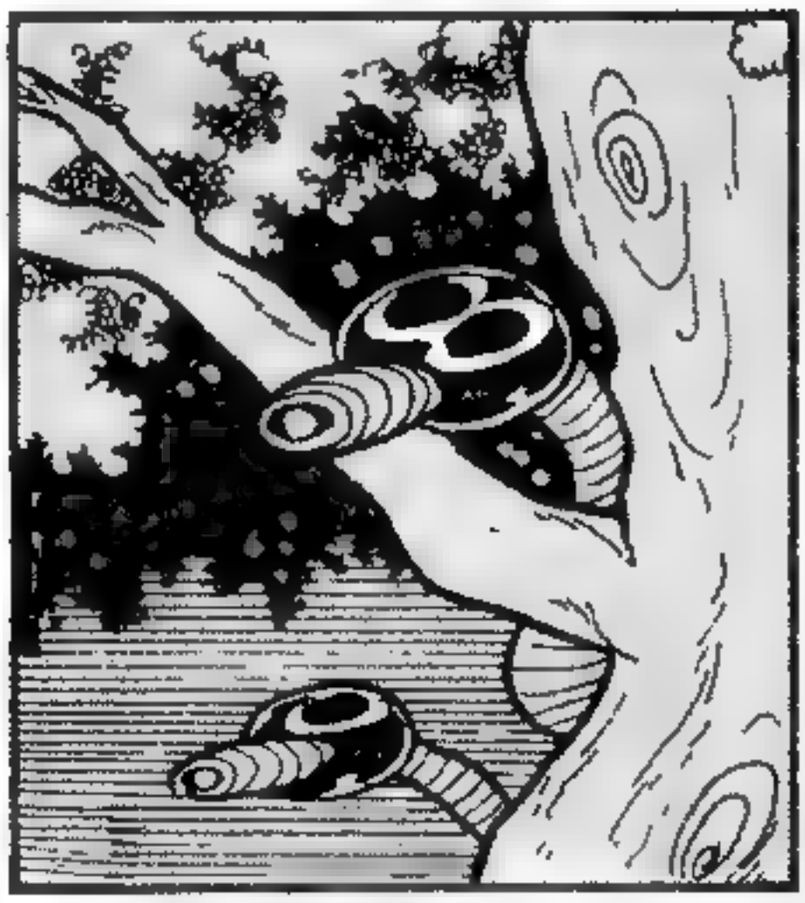

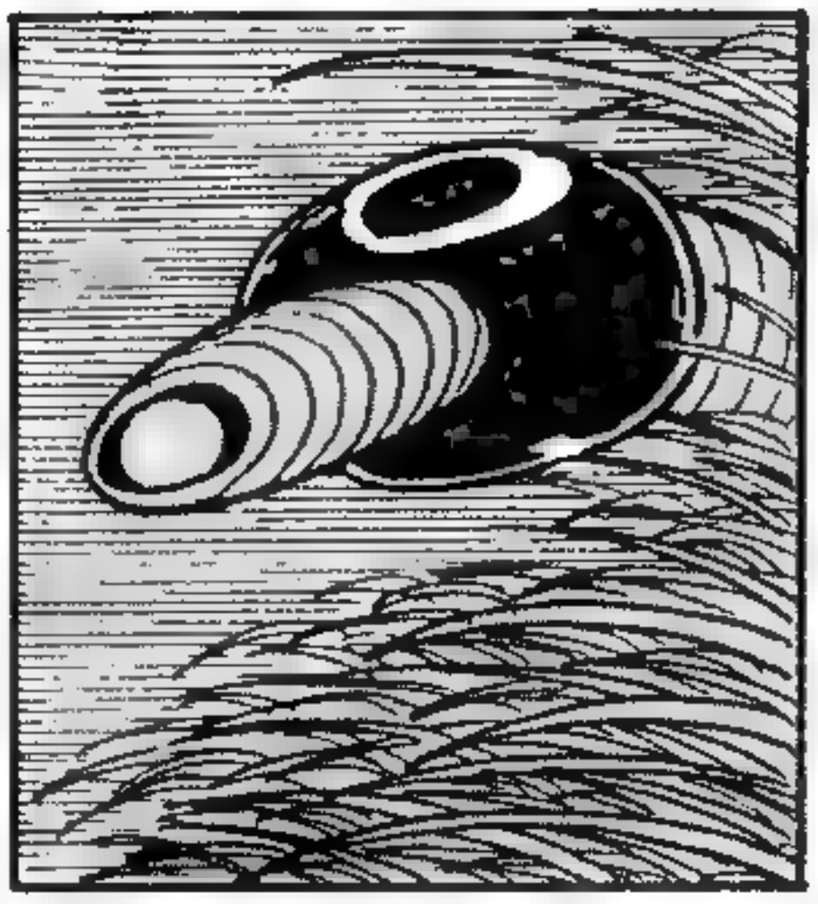

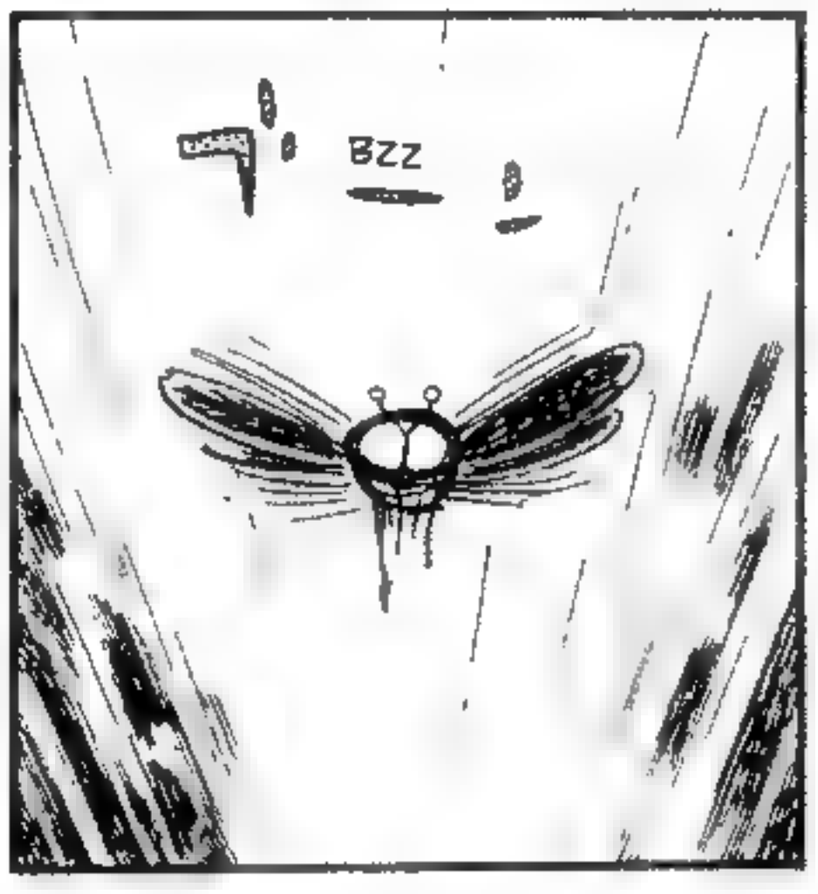
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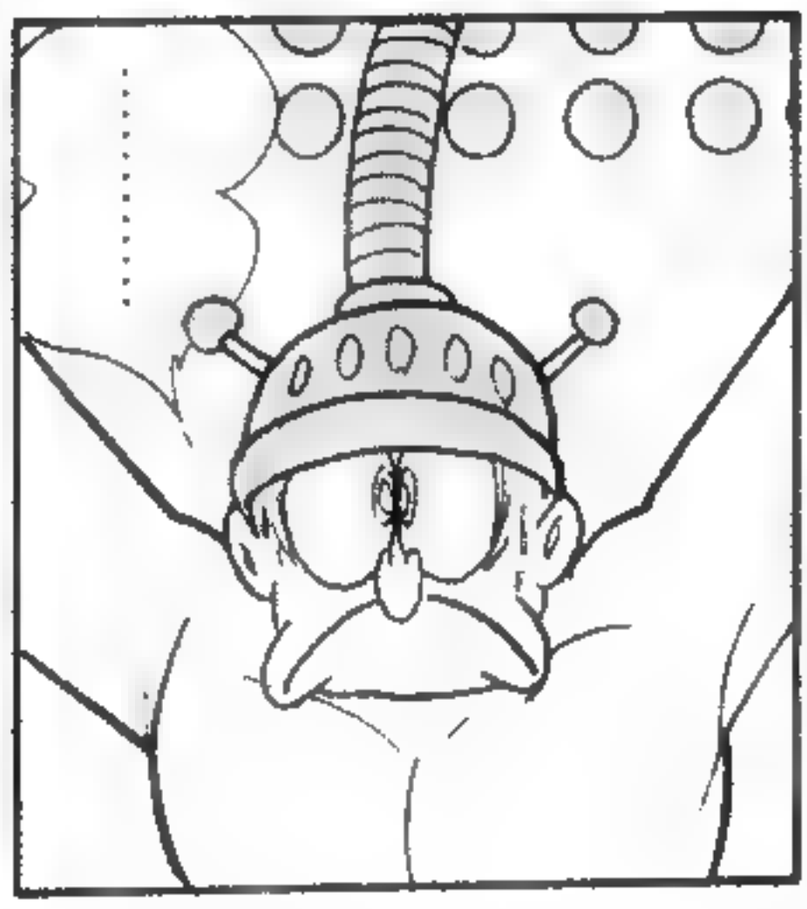
KACHAK



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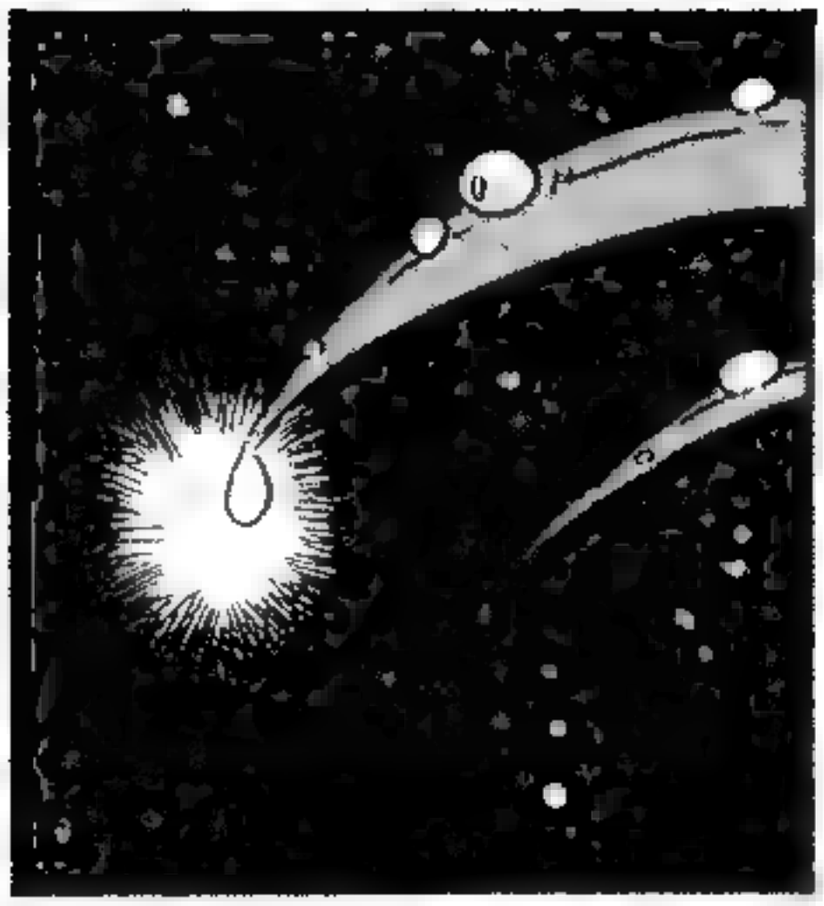

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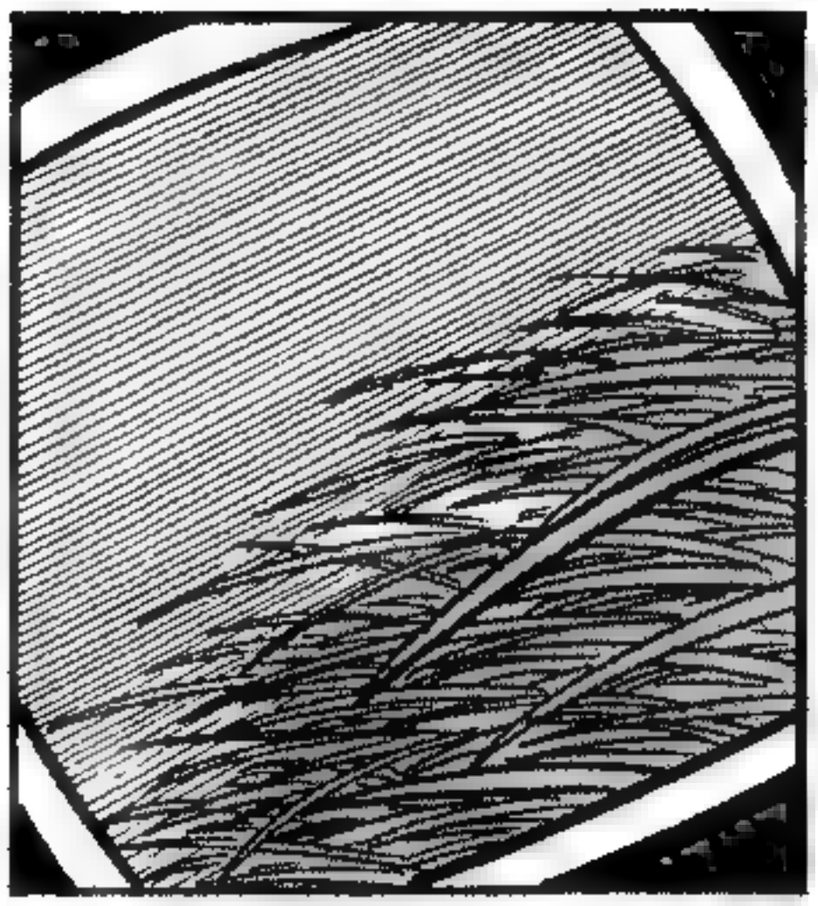

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DO

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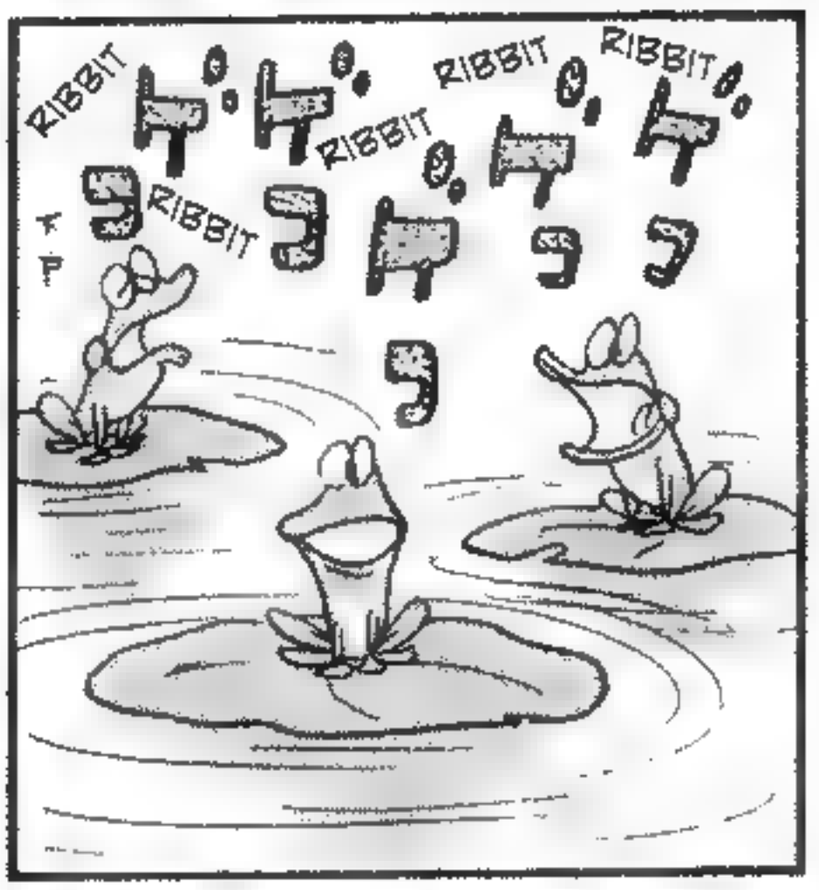
RIBBIT
RIBBIT
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RIBBIT

RIBBIT

VEEN

!!!!

BAM

CHAK

.....

SHP

ZA-ZAT

004! TO YOUR LEFT!

BAM

BZZT

NOT BAD.

SHH

SHH

SHH

HEH HEH HEH.

WZZZ

WZZZ

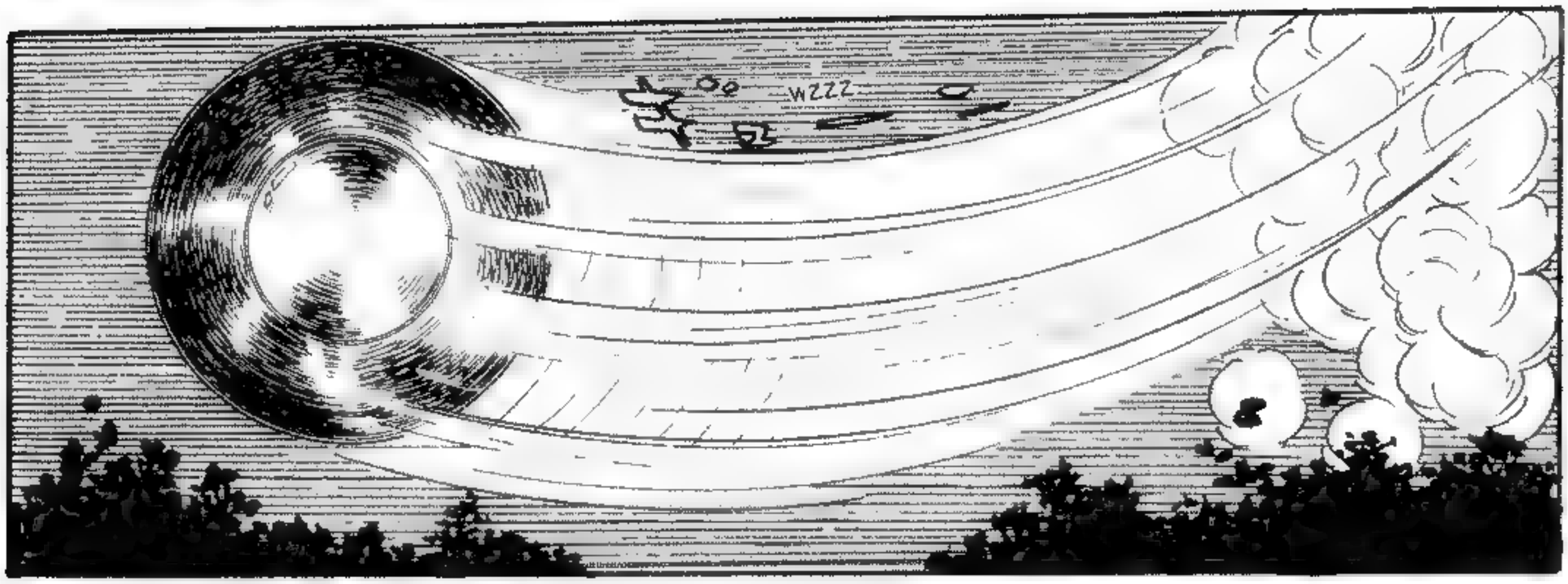
THE CONTROL POD.

THERE IT IS.

BAM

BAM

BAM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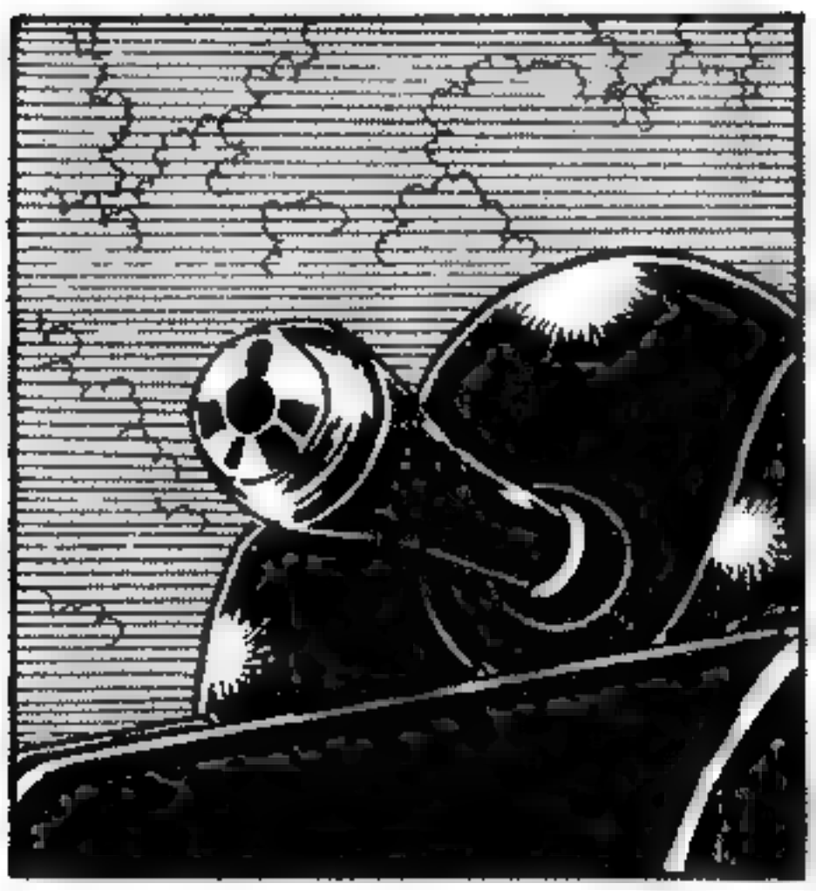
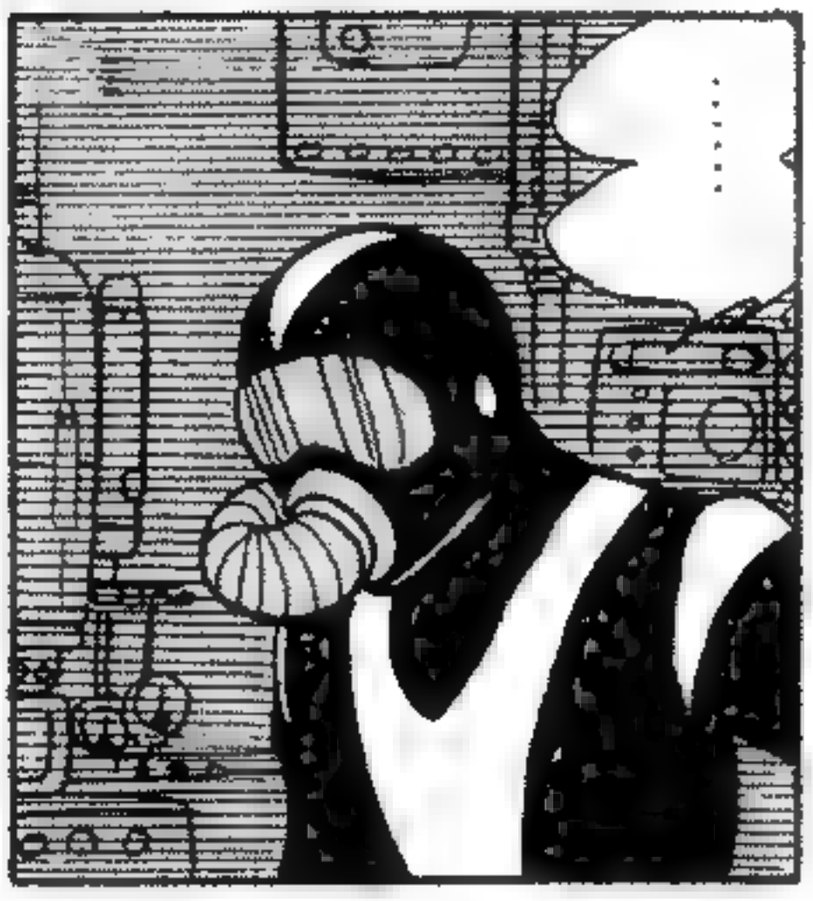


HEY!

FLASH
HMM.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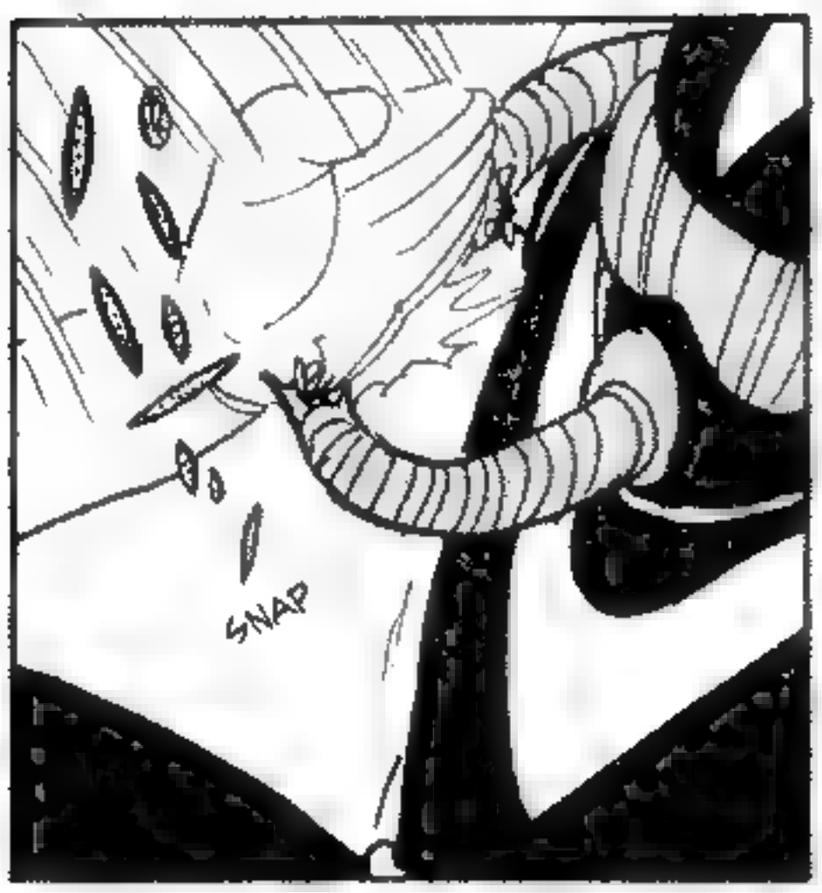
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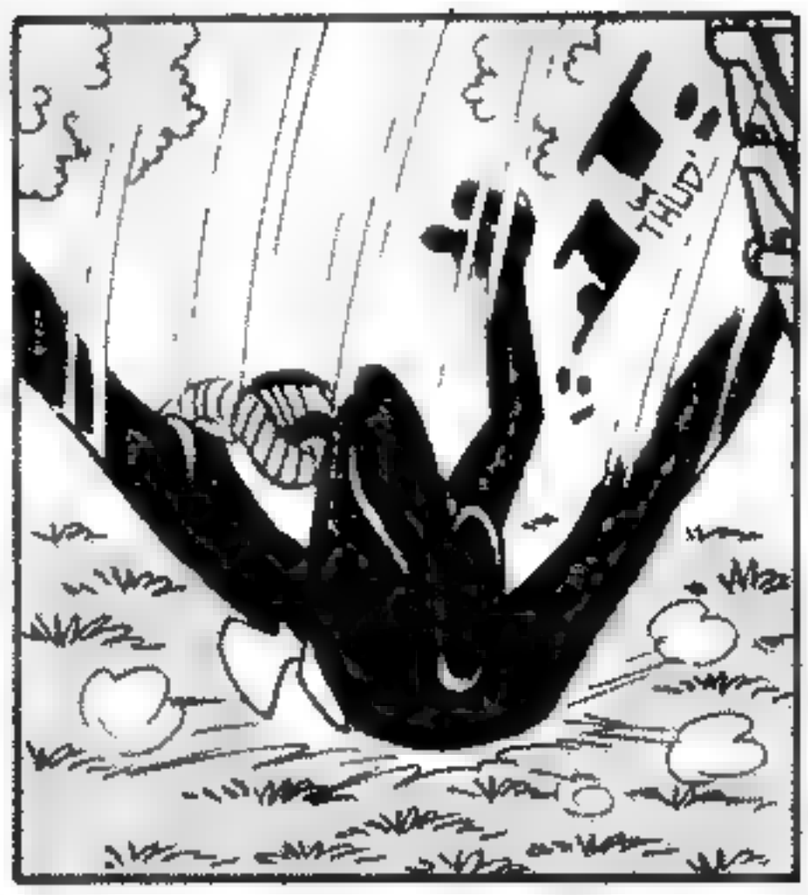

THUD

BAM

DOOM

IT'S FORTUNATE FOR YOU WE DON'T KILL OUR ENEMIES.

?

Rumble rumble

Rrrrrrrrr

Boom boom boom

009, WE BEST GET CLEAR OF THE WARZONE!

GAA GAA GAA

Rumble rumble

Ratatat

THREE WARPLANES AND TWO BLACK MONSTERS.

THERE ARE FIVE OF THEM AROUND US.

GAA GAA GAA GAA

WE HAVE ENOUGH ON OUR PLATE WITH THE OTHER MACHINES.

I THINK WE TOOK OUT THE LAST ONE.

I DON'T THINK SO.

NO MORE SNAKES?

OKAY, FIRST WE NEED TO SECURE THE PERIMETER. WATCH OUT FOR HIDDEN DEFENSES.

SO, LET'S INFILTRATE THEIR COMPOUND AND KILL THE BEAST FROM THE INSIDE.

I'D SAY WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US. LET'S GO!!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

BOOM

HEAD FOR THE WATER-FALL!

VRRRM

THEY'RE DROPPING NAPALM!!

CHAK

DASH

TMP

KLANK

GA GA GA

GA GA GA GA

PSSH

THERE IT IS!

ZZZZ

CHP

HURRY!

KEEP MOVING!

OKAY!

BAAM

BADDA

BADDA

GOOD SHOT, 009!

WHY DID THAT ONE HIT SO FAR OFF THE MARK?

THEY'RE WASTING THEIR NAPALM.

THEY KNOW WHERE WE ARE.

BOOM

I DON'T UNDER-STAND.

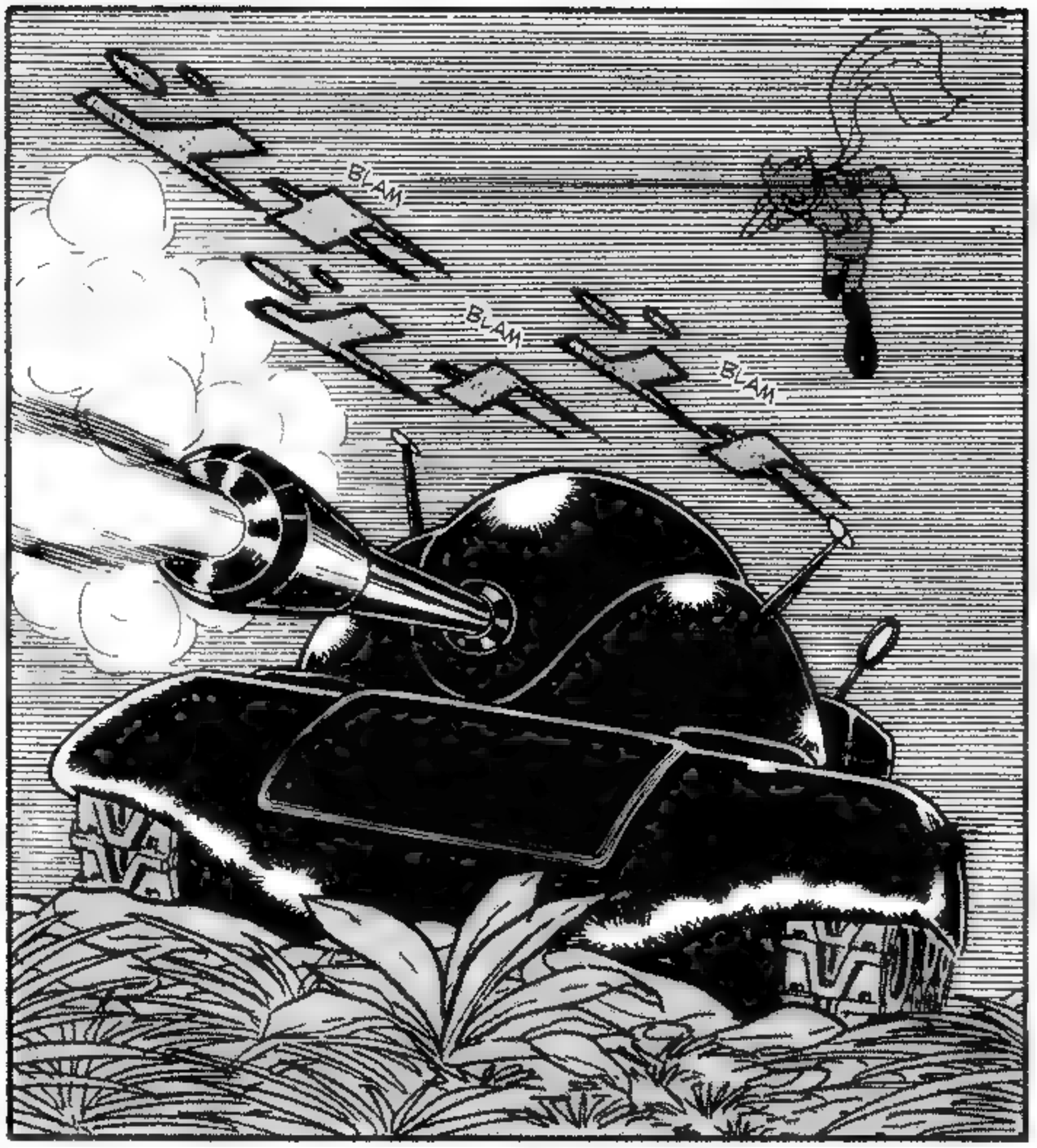
HMPH.

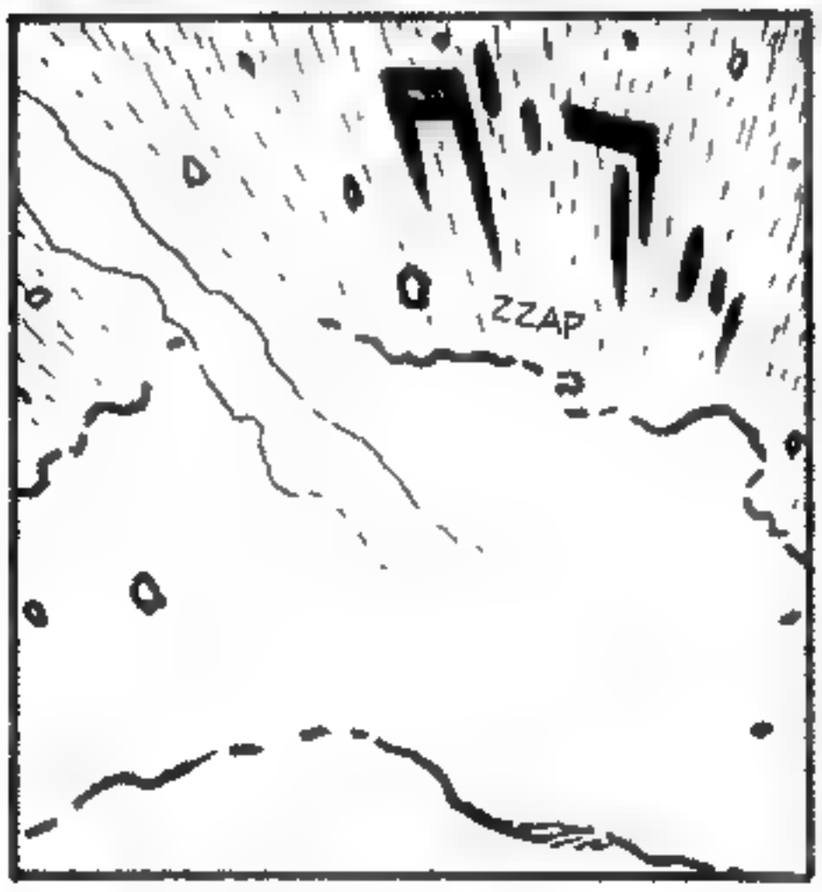
IT'S 009. HE'S ATTACKING FROM THEIR REAR. SQUEEZING THEM RIGHT OUT OF THE SKY.

HE COULD AT LEAST HAVE THE DECENCY OF LEAVING ONE FOR ME.

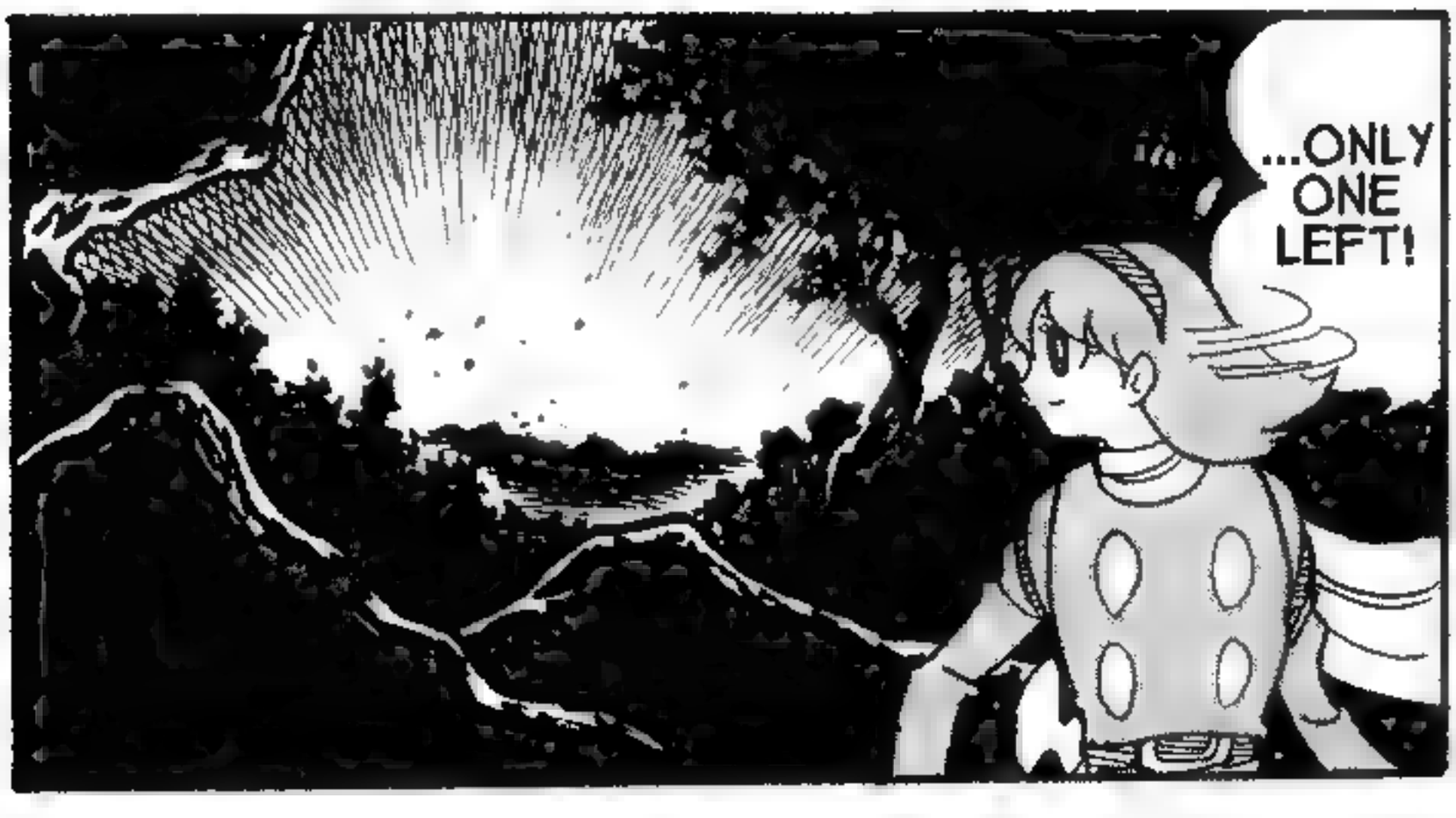
TMP

WSSH


BLAM
BLAM
BLAM


ZZAP

THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE!
BOOM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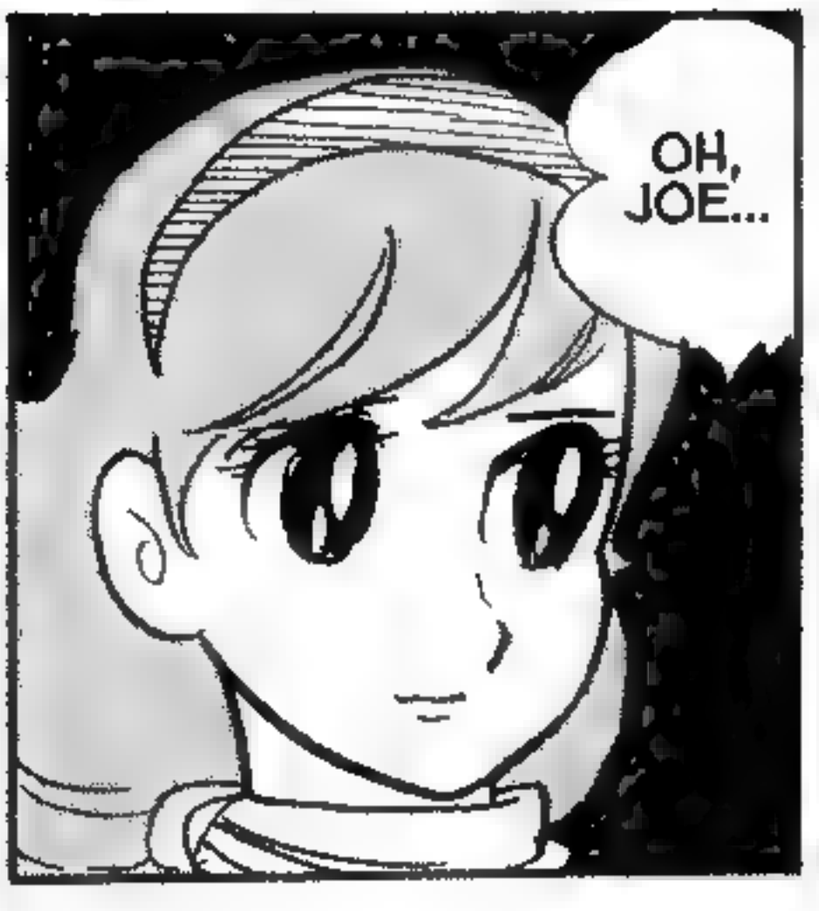

OH, JOE...

HMPH! GLORY HOUND.

BRAVO, 009! EXCELLENT WORK!!

BLAM

BLAM

AAAA

THERE'S THE ENTRANCE.

007 IS IN DANGER.

WE'RE WORKING AGAINST TIME.

WE SHOULD WAIT FOR 009.

NOW IT'S MY TURN! I'M GOING IN.

DO DO DO

SPLASH

?

SNORT.

THE CYBORGS ARE ALIVE?!

DO DO DO

SHUT UP!

ALIVE AND KICKING ARSE.

HEH HEH HEH HEH.

STAY ALERT!

DO DO DO

THUD

SMAK

SCRAP

SCRAP

HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!

KLIK

AND THIS COMPOUND HAS MORE TRICKS TO DEMONSTRATE!

DON'T BE SO SMUG. THEY'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU TO GET TO ME!

WATCH OUT, 009! IT'S A TRAP!

UGH! THIS BLOODY CAP IS BLOCKIN' MY SIGNAL!

HMM...!!

OVER THERE! 007 IS TIED UP INSIDE.

WHAT DO YOU NEED? ANYTHING!

WHAT IS IT 009?

EH?

I UNDER-STAND 007! I NEED A FAVOR!

THE DISAS-SEMBLY BEAM WILL...

009! DON'T COME IN!

BA BA BA

HMM.

KNOCKIN' ME JAW LIKE YA DID BROKE YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE HELMET!!

HEH HEH HEH! TOO BAD YOUR SHOCKER ONLY WORKS IN THIS ROOM.

SST

THUK

BA
BA
BA
HEY.
?!
CHAK
CHAK
HUH?
THUK
NO!
SAINTS BE PRAISED! YOU SAVED MY LIFE, 009!
HAH HAH HAH, HE'S CONFUSED.
SST
7
001

LEAVE THIS ONE TO ME!

WAIT, 009!

ALL RIGHT!

TOSS

CLUNK

HUH...

DASH

TWITCH

GRIN

BZZT

AAH!

WAH...

THUD

007, IS THERE ANYONE ELSE IN HERE?

COME AGAIN?

EXCELLENT SHOT, MASTER-FUL!

YOU DID IT! YOU DID IT!

AN ENTIRE FORTUNE SPENT TO CAUSE DEATH!

SUCH MACHINERY, BUILT ONLY FOR WAR.

THAT'S ALL OF THEM, JOE. NUMBER 1 WAS THE LAST OF THEM.

Chi chi
chi pi
pi pi

Pi pi pi
chi chi

THIS IS AMAZING TECHNOLOGY!

YOU'RE RIGHT!

WE COULD REPAIR 002 RIGHT HERE!

DO

DO

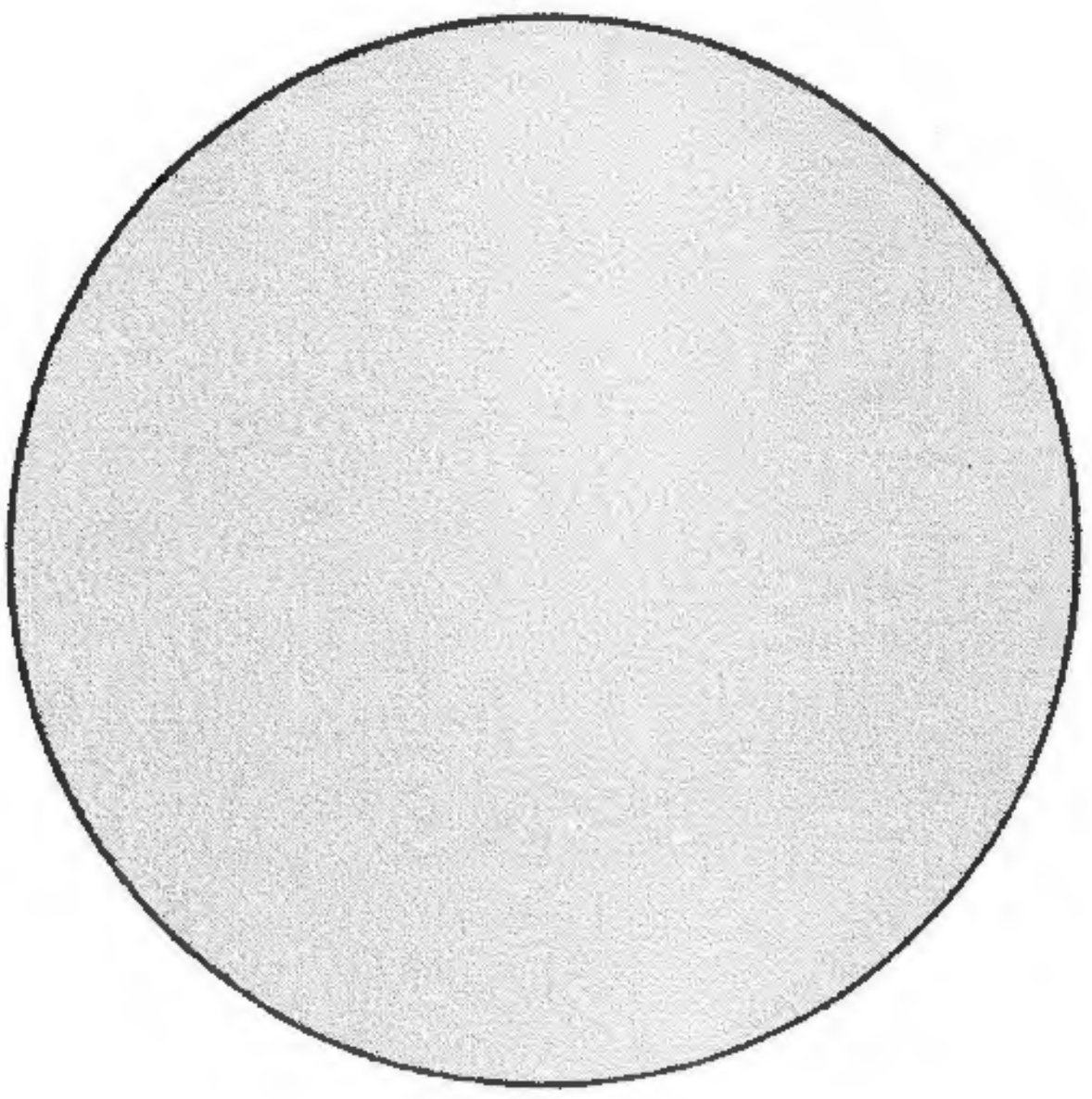
DO

AND IT SHINES DOWN ON A FIELD OF BLOODSHED AND RUIN.

A MARVELOUS SUNRISE.

ACHOO!

The Cyborgs succeeded in stopping the Black Ghost in the warfields of Vietnam. However the struggle is not over and the Cyborgs must continue their fight so that peace might one day flourish on Planet Earth. The claws of the Black Ghost reach around the entire globe, inspiring more war, provoking peoples into mass slaughter. The flames of battle glow brighter and brighter...



...and the brighter the flames burn, the closer mankind comes to it's destruction. And the flames will burn until, at last, history's final page burns itself out.

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